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# Brief History of St. Andrew's Lodge, A.F. and A.M.

No. 16, G.R.C.



## 1822-1912

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Written on the occasion of the celebration of the  
Ninetieth Anniversary, by the authority  
of the Lodge, by R. W. Bro.  
Henry T. Smith.

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## Foreword

**I**N placing before the brethren a brief history of St. Andrew's Lodge, upon the occasion of the celebration of its Ninetieth Anniversary, it is intended to show what the mother lodge, of the existing lodges in Toronto, has done in disseminating the noble principles of the Craft among many of the best men in the community.

H. T. S.

Toronto, October 8th, 1912.

OFFICERS FOR 1822-3.

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W. Bro. (Sir) William Campbell, W.M.  
Bro. Thomas Ridout, S.W.  
Bro. John Henry Dunn, J.W.  
Bro. Benjamin Turquand, Secretary  
Bro. Thomas Fitzgerald, S.D.  
Bro. George Hillier, J. D.

## OFFICERS, 1912.

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- Bro. F. G. Anderson, W.M.  
W. Bro. John H. Dunlop, I.P.M.  
Bro. J. R. Bulmer, S.W.  
Bro. H. C. Montgomery, J. W.  
Bro. Rev. W. L. Armstrong, D.D., Chaplain.  
R.W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, Treasurer  
Bro. J. D. Keachie, Secretary  
Bro. J. A. Graham, S.D.  
Bro. W. J. Bolus, J.D.  
Bro. Wm. Lawrence, I.G.  
Bro. W. E. Struthers, M.D., S.S.  
Bro. Willard W. Dunlop, J.S.  
W. Bro. W. F. Chapman, D. of C.  
Bro. H. M. Fletcher, Organist  
Bro. R. E. Patterson, Asst. Sec.  
Bro. J. McL. Pritchard, Tyler  
Bro. C. B. Ames, }  
W. Bro. E. Y. Spurr, } Auditors





OFFICERS OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, 1912



# Brief History of St. Andrew's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 16, G.R.C., Toronto

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The cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry has been beautifully exemplified in St. Andrew's Lodge from its earliest period. It has numbered among its members men of different nationalities and creeds, many of whom have taken foremost positions in Canada as jurists, legislators, educationists, ministers of the gospel, military men, medical men, architects, artists, merchants, journalists, and other avocations. The brethren connected with St. Andrew's Lodge have been more or less identified with every movement for the welfare of the City of Toronto and of Canada, since "York" (now Toronto) was selected as a site for the capital of Upper Canada.

The circumstances connected with the formation of St. Andrew's Lodge are related by R.W. Bro. Simon McGillivray, Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada for 1822-41, in his report to the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. He says :

"At York I had the advantage of being personally acquainted with the most respectable individuals in the society of the place, and the subject of my Masonic mission being occasionally alluded to in my conversation, I soon



found that several of my friends were Freemasons, although they had never joined or visited any of the lodges in the Province, nor taken any notice whatever of the proceedings or progress of the Craft, and on my expressing regret at this indifference on their part, the answer was that Masonry had not been in such hands, nor conducted in such a manner as to offer any inducement to respectable men to associate with some of those whom they might be liable to meet in the lodges. I replied that if even the case were so, it was partly caused by the absence of the influence and example of individuals like themselves, who, instead of leaving Masonry in the hands of persons, with whom they could not associate, ought themselves to be the leaders of the Craft. I explained, however, the measures which had already been adopted for the exclusion of improper persons, and those which would be enforced under the authority and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, and finally a sufficient number of these gentlemen having agreed to form a lodge and petitioned accordingly for a dispensation, I had great satisfaction in giving it to them, and I anticipate great benefit to the Craft from their countenance and support. Amongst the members of this Lodge (St. Andrew's, No. 1), are one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench, the Surveyor-General of the Province, the Receiver-General (who is also a Legislative Counsellor), the Governor's Secretary, the Principal Aide-de-Camp, the Adjutant-General of the Militia, etc., etc., etc. Although these local distinctions may not be very highly appreciated in England, yet in Canada these gentlemen are a great acquisition to the general respectability of Masonry, and their personal and official influence will in many cases have a very beneficial effect."

It will be seen from the foregoing report that St. Andrew's Lodge was organized for the purpose of inducing brethren of well-known ability and social standing in the community not then affiliated with the Craft in Upper Canada, to take an active part in Canadian Freemasonry, as well as to attract the best men in the country to the Craft. The result was that some of the

Wm. McMillan, P. G. M.



To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren

I Grieve, M<sup>c</sup>Millan, Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Upper Canada, acting under His Royal Highness Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Saxe-Coburg, Earl of Clarence, Baron of Arden, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Star, &c. &c. Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masters of England.

Kind Greeting,

Whereas a Petition has been presented to me signed by the following Brethren viz,  
William Campbell, Thomas Wilson, John Henry Dism, George Bell, Nathaniel Coffin, John Parker Thomas Heyricks,  
Stephen Jones, James McMillan, Bernard Ferguson and Daniel Brooke, Praying for a Warrant of Constitution, or such other  
Authority as it may be competent to me to grant, empowering them to form a regular Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted  
Masons at York in the Province of Upper Canada.

Now know Ye, That having taken the same into  
serious consideration, do hereby authorize and empower our said Brethren to hold a Lodge, and to enter, pass and raise Free Masters  
conformably to the Laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, and to do all such other acts as may lawfully be  
done by a regular warranted Lodge.

And I do hereby approve the election of Officers made by the said  
Petitioners and hereby appoint the said Brethren, William Campbell Worshipful Master, Brother James Wilson Senior  
Warden and John, John Henry Dism Junior Warden, and direct that they and their successors, duly elected and appointed, shall continue  
in the said Office until such time as a Warrant shall be granted to them said Lodge under the seal of the Grand Lodge of England.

And for so doing this Dispensation, shall be their sufficient authority to remain in force until such Warrant shall have been granted  
And subject always to the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. And the said Lodge shall be called number one, and  
addition to the said number to assume the name of St. Andrew's Lodge.

Given under my hand and seal at York in the said Province this twenty fourth day  
of September in the year of our Lord 1822, and of Majesty 5722.

To Wm. Wilson & B. Ferguson P. G. M. &c.  
Brother & Ferguson

By command of the Right Worshipful Grand Master

James F. H. Gibson P. G. M. &c.





most distinguished men of the period became connected with Canadian Freemasonry, and thus through the organization of St. Andrew's Lodge, was laid the foundation of the honorable position that the Craft holds to-day in Toronto.

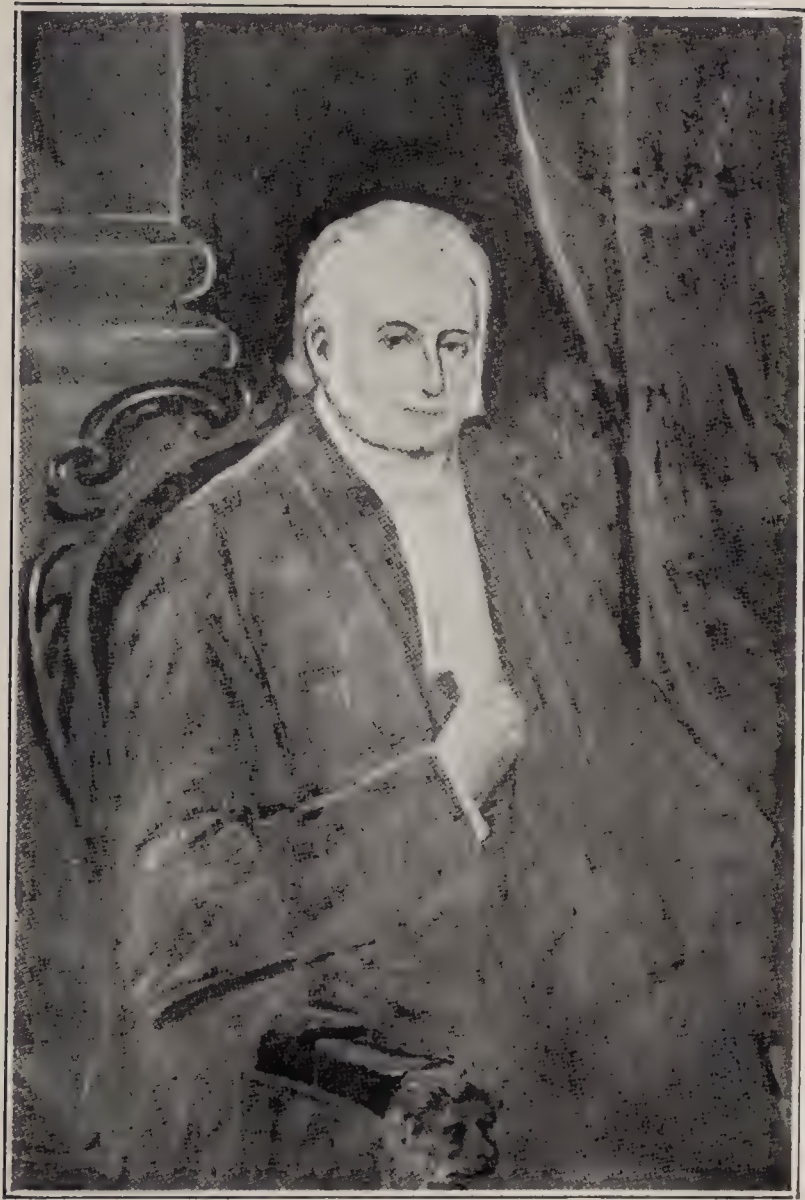
The dispensation to organize a lodge at York (now Toronto) to be known as St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, was granted on the 24th September, 1822, by R.W. Bro. Simon McGillivray, Provincial Grand Master, to the following brethren : William Campbell (appointed to a puisne judgeship, 1811, Chief Justice of Upper Canada, 1825, and knighted 1829) ; Thomas Ridout (Surveyor-General of Upper Canada, 1810, and member of Legislative Council of Upper Canada, 1829) ; John Henry Dunn (Receiver-General, 1820-41) ; Major George Hillier (Aide-de-Camp and Military Secretary to Bro Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada) ; Nathaniel Coffin (Adjutant-General of Upper Canada for many years) ; John Beikie (Sheriff of York, 1811, and Clerk of Executive Council, 1820-25) ; Thomas Fitzgerald (Barrister-at-Law) ; Stephen Jarvis (Usher of Black Rod in Legislative Council of Upper Canada and afterwards Registrar of the Home District) ; James Fitzgibbon (hero of Beaver Dams and D.P.G.M. of Second Provincial Grand Lodge, 1822-26) ; Bernard Turquand (an official in the Receiver-General's Department), and Daniel Brooke (a merchant). Many of these brethren afterwards became distinguished and enthusiastic Craft workers.

The preliminary meetings for the organization of St. Andrew's Lodge, before it was duly constituted, were held at Bro. Sir William Campbell's residence, Duke Street, just opposite Frederick Street, York (Toronto).

On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th December, 1822, the first recorded minutes of the Lodge show the lodge assembled at 12 o'clock, noon, for constitution. The meeting place is not mentioned, but it was probably held either at Jordan's Hotel, King Street East, near Princess Street, or at the Ontario House, afterwards the Wellington Hotel, on the north-west corner of Church and Market (Wellington Streets).

R.W. Bro. James Fitzgibbon, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided at the constitution of the lodge at its first meeting. The usual opening ceremony having been concluded, W. Bro. Sir William Campbell was installed W.M., after which the following officers were severally inducted and invested into their respective positions : Bros. Thomas Ridout, S.W. ; John Henry Dunn, J.W. ; John Beikie, Treasurer ; Bernard Turquand, Secretary ; Thomas Fitzgerald, S.D. ; and George Hillier, J.D.

A resolution was passed whereby the lodge was to meet "on the Wednesday next preceding each and every full moon, and also on the Festivals of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist, in each and every year, at which stated meetings no summons is considered



W. BRO. SIR WILLIAM CAMPBELL  
First W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, 1822-3





necessary." The following scale of fees for membership in the lodge was also adopted : For initiation, six guineas ; for passing, one guinea, and for raising, two guineas ; in all nine guineas, or about \$47. For admission of a Fellow-craft, four guineas, and of a Master Mason, two guineas. Quarterly fund subscription, ten shillings. It was expected that all candidates for initiation should pay the Tyler not less than ten shillings. A resolution was also passed authorizing the payment of £12 a year to the Tyler, to be paid quarterly. A voluntary subscription of £2 was collected from the members and handed to the Treasurer towards the payment of the disbursements incidental to the organization of the lodge.

From the By-laws adopted we take the following excerpts :

"The lodge shall not on any occasion continue open after 10 o'clock p.m., nor shall any brother remain in the lodge room unnecessarily after the lodge is closed." . . .

"In order to ensure regular attendance and to prevent delay or interruption in the proceedings of the lodge, any officer or member of the lodge who shall not attend punctually at the hour appointed shall be liable to censure from the chair, or to pay a fine not exceeding five shillings, or such other penalty as the W. Master and majority of the members present shall see proper to inflict, unless such default shall be occasioned by sickness or some other unavoidable cause." . . .

"For the more effectual maintenance of that good order, decorum and moral conduct so invariably inculcated and required by the Ancient Rules of our Society, and so indispensably necessary to promote and ensure the harmony of the lodge, it is hereby strictly enjoined that no officer or member in open lodge, either at labor or refreshments, shall be guilty of profane swearing, or

of using irreverent or indecent expressions, songs or sentiments, or of introducing any remark or conversation tending to cause a difference of opinion on national, political or religious subjects, under penalties similar to those stated in the preceding article."

The adoption of By-laws containing sentiments such as those quoted should convey the idea strongly to the Mason's mind of to-day that those brethren of the early days, in formulating a code of By-laws for their guidance in the lodge room, did not overlook the Ancient Charges and fundamental principles of the fraternity—principles that will be applicable to the welfare of man so long as the human race exists.

On the 22nd January, 1822, the second regular meeting was held at 7.15 p.m., W. Bro. William Campbell occupied the chair. There were nine brethren present, seven members and two visitors. The W.M. gave the Entered Apprentice Lecture during the evening. During the hour of refreshment Bros. Hillier and Fitzgerald, two officers who had been absent in the early part of the evening, entered, and after resuming labor the W.M. moved "That the By-law imposing a fine on absentees (from the nature of present circumstances) be dispensed with," which obtained unanimous assent.

An account of £2 5s. for three candlesticks on the 19th February, 1823, was ordered to be paid, and the petitions of Messrs. George and Thomas Gibbs Ridout, the first two applications received for membership, were ordered to be laid over until the conclusion of the





M.W. BRO. THOMAS GIBBS RIDOUT  
One of the first candidates initiated in St. Andrew's  
Lodge, 1823



Provincial Parliament, which was then meeting, unless the W.M. should find it necessary to call an emergent meeting. At this meeting a committee was appointed for the purpose of providing suitable apartments for the future accommodation of the lodge. The place at which the lodge was held up to this time, whether at Jordan's Hotel or at the Ontario House, does not seem to have been satisfactory.

At an emergent meeting held on the 12th March, Messrs. George and Thomas Gibbs Ridout were accepted, and on the 19th March they were duly initiated. New Jewels had been ordered, as the "Jeweller's Account" of £9 was laid over until the following meeting, when it was ordered to be paid. The Secretary was instructed to keep a register of the members in the following form :

"REGISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE OR NO. 1,  
YORK, U. C."

NAME	ADMISSION	DISCHARGE	CASUALTIES

An emergent meeting was held on the 26th March, 1823. The W.M. read the Ancient Charges to the newly initiated brethren, and delivered the Entered Apprentice Lecture.



Another emergent meeting was held on the 16th April when the following resolution was adopted :

“Our next regular meeting happening to fall on His Majesty’s birthday, it is resolved that Monday evening, the 21st instant, be substituted in lieu thereof, members to assemble at 6 p.m., when it is proposed to pass the Entered Apprentices, Bros. George and Thomas G. Ridout, to the Degree of Fellow-craft Masons.”

At the regular held on the 21st April, 1823, the sum of £7. 5s. per annum was awarded to the Secretary for his services, commencing from the 27th December, 1822. Bro. John Beikie asked permission to present a sword to the lodge for the use of the Tyler, which was granted.

On the 18th June, the W.M. read the regulations for the government of private lodges, as contained in the Book of Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England, and in conformity with the By-laws, arrangements were made for the proper celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist on the 24th June. At the latter meeting, Bro. Thomas Ridout, Senior Warden, was appointed to represent the lodge at the Provincial Grand Lodge, on the 8th July, 1823, when he was to present to the Grand Lodge a copy of the By-laws of the lodge. A postscript in the minutes states : “Brethren to assemble to dinner in this room at 6 this evening.”

At the July meeting, Bro. Ridout, the Senior Warden, reported “That this lodge had been by him duly represented in Grand Lodge, that the copy of the By-laws had been presented and re-

ceived, and that the Grand Lodge would make a further communication to this lodge." The Tyler was paid three pounds currency as salary for the preceding three months, and a new ballot box cost the lodge fifteen shillings.

The meeting on the 12th November, 1823, was held at the house of Bro. George Ridout, which was situated on the north-west corner of Market (Wellington) Street, and what is now Dorset Street. The lodge met in the upper room on the east side of the house.

On the 26th November an emergent meeting was held at the house of Bro. George Ridout, when the Deputy Provincial Grand Master "presented the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England to this lodge." A donation of "\$10 was given to an indigent brother, an emigrant from England, and the sum of £1. 8s. was expended on furniture for the lodge." It was resolved "That in cases of emergency, where the candidate is a non-resident, the 9th article of the By-laws respecting the intermediate time between the degrees, be dispensed with."

At the meeting held on the 10th December, 1823, upon motion of the W.M., the article of the By-laws, limiting the time of closing the lodge at 10 o'clock, was dispensed with for the evening. The W.M. announced his and the Senior and Junior Wardens' intention of resigning their respective offices. W. Bro. William Campbell was prevailed upon to continue the

office of W.M. for some time longer. Bro. John Beikie was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Peter McPhail, Tyler. The W.M. was pleased to nominate Bro. George Hillier, S.W. ; Bro. Thomas Fitzgerald, J.W. ; Bro. B. Turquand, Secretary, and Bros. George and Thomas G. Ridout, Senior and Junior Deacons respectively.

The following resolutions, in reference to charity were adopted at this meeting :

(1) "That the following brethren be appointed a committee of charity, the Senior Warden, for the time being, the President, the Treasurer and Secretary, *ex-Officio* members, and Bros. Dr. Widmer and George Ridout, members. Any three of which committee to form a quorum."

(2) "That all applications (for relief), made by distressed brethren, be referred to the committee, and awards to be made in conformity to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, by warrant of the W. M. or that of the President of the committee, as the necessity of the case may justify."

(3) "That this lodge meet on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, being the 27th inst., for the installation of officers, at 4 o'clock p.m. in this place, and to dinner at the hour of 6 precisely. Any members of the branches of the Legislature wishing to celebrate that festival, with members of this lodge, on that day, may be at liberty to do so."

On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th December, the lodge met at the house of Bro. George Ridout. The W.M. inducted and invested the officers chosen at the previous meeting. After which Bro. the Rev. R. Addison "was pleased to deliver an exhortation to the lodge on the subject of charity, from the 1st Cor., 13th chapter." The lodge was then closed and the brethren dined.



At the regular meeting on the 13th January, 1824, held at Bro. George Ridout's, "Bro. Billings, a Master Mason, was admitted a member of this lodge without petition, ballot or payment of fees, being a transient brother, and not having been solicited to subscribe towards our petition for a warrant at the time this lodge was constituted." For this departure from the By-laws there does not seem to have been any sound reason, save that the name of Bro. F. T. Billings may have been omitted from the petition for the dispensation presented to R.W. Bro. McGillivray in September, 1822. Bro. Billings was afterwards the Treasurer of the Home District, and resided on Lot Street (now Queen Street West). This was the last meeting held at Bro. George Ridout's house, for at the regular meeting, on the 10th March, 1824, the minutes state that the lodge met "in the new lodge room, York, U.C.". This doubtless had reference to the Masonic Hall in Market Lane (Colborne Street) that had been erected by Royal Arch Lodge, No. 16, in the year 1819.

The lodge was considered to be in a flourishing condition at this period, for, on the 24th January, 1824, Bro. B. Turquand, writing to Bro. John Dean, from York, amongst other matters says of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1: "Our lodge flourishes. Bro. Hagerman and Bro. Sherwood, Speaker of the House, have joined us during this session."

Owing to the extremely bad weather there was no lodge meeting in February. At the meeting

of the 10th March, Bro. George Hillier was elected W.M., and the following officers were appointed : Bro. John Beikie, S.W. ; Bro. Thomas Fitzgerald, J.W. ; Bro. Bernard Turquand, Secretary ; and Bro. Thomas Ridout was elected Treasurer. No reason is given for holding the election at this time. The brethren were duly installed and invested into their respective positions.

In April there was no meeting held, but at the May meeting it was decided to present W. Bro. William Campbell, the first W.M., with a Past Master's jewel. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Beikie, who was said to have been the most expert worker in the lodge, "gave the Entered Apprentice initiation and charge for the benefit of those present."

The lodge did not assemble for its regular meeting in June, 1824, but at the meeting on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, a large number of brethren were present. W. Bro. Hillier was absent on public duty, and R.W. Bro. James Fitzgibbon presided. A circular was read from Truxton H. Powell, of Union Hall, New York, respecting the *Masonic Mirror*, about to be published in that city, and soliciting the patronage and support of this lodge.

Seven brethren being absent from the regular meeting for July, the following resolution appears in the minutes :

"That in consideration of the peculiar public business of the day and the indisposition of several of the brethren, the absence of the other members is sufficiently accounted for to the satisfaction of this lodge."

This alludes no doubt to the political disturbances which were then brewing in the Province, and to an epidemic of cholera.

At an emergent meeting on the 25th October, 1824, it was resolved "to assess each member 10s., to liquidate the standing debt of the lodge." This indebtedness seems to have been a source of trouble, for we find that :

"Bros. T. M. Ridout and F. T. Billings were appointed a Committee of Finance for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of the funds of the lodge and forming a separate fund of charity, they to report at the next monthly meeting what steps appear necessary to carry the wishes of the lodge into effect."

At the November meeting, the report of the Committee on Finance was presented, and Bro. Turquand, in order to aid the lodge in its monetary difficulties, "resigned his salary," and was duly thanked for his liberal and disinterested act.

On the 7th December, 1824, W. Bro. Hillier was again elected W.M., and Bro. Thomas G. Ridout Treasurer. At this gathering the night of meeting was changed to the Mondays next preceding the full moon. At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th December, the installation took place, at which R.W. Bro. Fitzgibbon was present.

At the meeting of January, 1825, R.W. Bro. James Fitzgibbon presided, and the work was routine, but the regular meeting of March was of especial interest owing to the presence of R.W. Bro. Simon McGillivray, Provincial Grand



Master of Upper Canada ; R.W. Bro. James Fitzgibbon, Deputy Provincial Grand Master ; and R.W. Bro. the Hon. J. H. Dunn, Provincial Grand Treasurer. "At the request of Bro. McGillivray, the lodge resolved unanimously that he be admitted a member of the lodge."

The W.M., at the May meeting, explained "to the satisfaction of the brethren," that the lodge did not meet in April "from unavoidable circumstances." An interesting clipping, taken from the *Montreal Herald* of the 28th May, 1825, appears in the minutes of this meeting, giving a description of the admission, into Royal Arch Masonry, of H.R.H. the Duke of York, at the Freemasons' Hall, London, England.

On June the 9th, an emergent meeting was held at 3.30 p.m., at which there was only routine business. The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on the 24th, at which "Bro. Beikie recited the Entered Apprentice's obligation, the charge to a newly-initiated brother, and the lecture in the First Degree."

The Lodge appeared in mourning, on the 19th December, 1825, on account of the death of R.W. Bro. William McGillivray, the Provincial Grand Master of the District of Montreal. He was a brother of R.W. Bro. Simon McGillivray.

The article in the By-laws relating to elections was changed, so that the annual election should take place in December instead of June. It had been customary to hold a dinner on the Festival

of St. John the Evangelist, but at this meeting it was resolved to postpone the dinner until after St. George's Day. Bro. John Beikie was elected W.M., and his installation took place on the 27th of the same month.

On January the 16th, 1826, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. G. Ridout, as Treasurer, and the subscription fund for refreshments was reduced from 10s. to 5s. per quarter. A committee was appointed "to enquire into and make arrangements respecting the rent of this lodge." On motion of Bro. George Hillier, it was resolved:

"That the Ark at present used for the purpose of this lodge, being insufficiently adapted for same, the Treasurer be requested to obtain such a one as may contain the whole of the requisite furniture."

The March meeting was postponed "owing to the unavoidable absence of many of the members on public duty and otherwise." At the meeting of April, 1826, the W.M. read a letter from Rev. Geo. Oliver, of England, the Masonic writer, and this was followed by the recitation of the obligation and part of the narrative of the "Third Degree," by the W.M.

During the year 1826, the meetings were poorly attended and in many instances the lodge did not open owing to there not being sufficient members present to form a quorum.

From the 9th December, 1826, until Monday, the 28th December, 1829, there is no record of any minutes of St. Andrew's Lodge. During this period great excitement prevailed through-

out the country, owing to the alleged abduction and murder of a member of the Craft, named Morgan, in the State of New York, who is said to have contemplated the publication of a book containing an exposure of the secrets and mysteries of Masonry. Very little credence was placed in the story by intelligent persons at the time, but a popular prejudice was conceived against the fraternity by the people in general, and on this account the lodge meetings were not held as regularly as formerly, greater secrecy being observed and little record kept. It is likely, however, that the lodge did continue meeting, during these three years, in the house of Bro. George Ridout, as he was an enthusiastic Mason, and would no doubt see that the interest of the lodge was well looked after.

According to the records, the lodge met in the Market Lane Hall, on the 28th December, 1829, the day adopted for the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th happening to fall on Sunday. Bro. Thomas Carfrae was acting as W.M.

The Market Lane Hall in which St. Andrew's Lodge met for many years, and in which some of the brightest Masons of past days first received Masonic light, was erected by Royal Arch Lodge, No. 16, about the year 1819 at a cost of \$500. This building was situated on Market Lane, now Colborne Street. The building was about "sixty-five feet long, thirty feet wide, and about twenty-five feet in height. It was constructed



of half-inch clapboards, planed and painted a sort of bluish grey in color." The building was a two storey one, and at the eastern apex of the roof was a belfry, the bell of which was used for the purpose of calling the people to worship on the Sabbath Day. The Lodge room was furnished with pine benches and the walls were plain white.

Most of the brethren present at the meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge, on the 28th December, 1829, were members of St. George's Lodge, No. 9, P.G.R., which had dissolved on the 17th December, 1829. The following resolution appears in the minutes :

"That St. George's Lodge, No. 9, be dissolved when closed and that the W.M. be instructed to resign the warrant of said lodge into the possession of the Provincial Grand Master."

At this meeting Bro. Walter Rose was elected W.M., and the following officers were invested and inducted into their respective positions : Bro. Thomas Carfrae, S.W. (Collector of the Port in 1835) ; Bro. B. Turquand, J.W. ; (Deputy-Receiver-General under R.W. Bro. Hon. J. H. Dunn) ; Bro. C. Baty, Secretary ; Bro. P. McPhail, Treasurer ; Bro. George Cattermole (a well-known watchmaker of York), S.D., and Bro. John Sparks, J.D.

On the 12th January, 1830, an alteration was made in the scale of fees, and the By-laws were revised, which, however, is not recorded in the minutes. A number of brethren affiliated with

the lodge at this meeting, namely, Bro. Richard Watson (the publisher of the *British Canadian* newspaper, who subsequently lost his life in the fire which destroyed St. James' Cathedral, and the block to the east of it, Toronto, in 1849). In February the lodge ratified an agreement which had been made with the Baptist congregation, for the use of the lodge room for six months, commencing from January the 7th, "at 45 shillings." On the 8th June, 1830, the lodge was placed in mourning, in consequence of the death of King George IV.

From the minutes of the meeting on the 2nd November, the connection between St. Andrew's Lodge and St. George's, No. 9, is clearly shown by the fact that certain indebtedness of the latter was to be paid by the former, for it was resolved, "That an order, dated the 20th October, 1830, drawn by Bro. A. Burnside, of St. Andrew's, in favor of Bro. R. Meighan, of St. George's, for £8 11s. 9d. be accepted, and was accepted, to be paid when there shall be sufficient funds in this lodge to meet the demand."

It will not be amiss now to show the connection between St. Andrew's and the first Masonic lodge that met in York, or Toronto. In 1793, Governor Simcoe, who was a Mason, sailed from Niagara with a company of the Queen's Rangers for York, which he had selected as the site for the future capital of Upper Canada. One of the first things undertaken was the formation of a Masonic lodge named "Rawdon," or "The Lodge

between the Three Lakes." This lodge worked in York from 1793 until 1800, when it was succeeded by Royal Arch Lodge, No. 16, which lodge eventually merged into St. George's Lodge, No. 9, P.G.R., on the 23rd April, 1825, and which became dissolved, as already intimated, on the 17th December, 1829, when many of its members connected themselves with St. Andrew's Lodge.

On the 23rd November, 1830, a statement was presented showing an indebtedness to the lodge for dues, etc., £29 15s. 9d. Bro. B. Turquand, who had been Secretary of the lodge at its organization, in 1822, and for several years afterwards, was elected W.M.

In March changes in the By-laws were made by which the number of candidates who might be initiated in one night was increased from two to five, and enabling a brother to be advanced from one degree to another, after an interval of one month, instead of two months, as formerly. On the 24th May, 1831, it was resolved, "That the lodge room be rented for the ensuing year to the Primitive Methodist congregation and to the Mechanics' Institute," In July St. George's Lodge draft was paid, and an application of "a distressed brother, praying for a loan of £3, to assist him and his family and to enable him to travel to his grant of land" was referred to a committee.

For a number of years the Provincial Grand Lodge had become inactive, and the need of a

representative of the Grand Lodge of England at this period, in Upper Canada, was felt by the members of St. Andrew's Lodge. In order to secure the appointment of a new Provincial Grand Master, we find:

"At a meeting of Lodge No. 1, held at the lodge room, on the 15th November, 1831, . . it was resolved that a lodge of emergency be called on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst., at 6 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the expediency of petitioning the Grand Lodge of England to appoint a Grand Master for the Province of Upper Canada."

On the 22nd November, the meeting was held when after some discussion the question of petitioning for the appointment of a Grand Master for Upper Canada was deferred to a future meeting. At a meeting held on the 13th December, W. Bro. Turquand consented to hold the office of W.M. for another year, and it is stated in the minutes that "The subject for petitioning to England for a Grand Master is postponed to a future occasion."

At the meeting of the 27th December, 1831, "The W.M. agreeably to a former minute of this lodge, delivered his censure to the brethren who had not paid up their dues." There was no meeting held in January, 1832, owing to the want of a quorum. At the February meeting a committee was appointed to rent the lodge room to the Mechanics' Institute.

From this time there is no record of any meeting until the 9th October, 1832. At this meeting the monthly dues were reduced from two



shillings to one shilling per month, and a committee was appointed to arrange "That the lodge room be rented as a singing school, . . . at the rate of ten shillings per month."

The minutes of the next meeting are headed as follows : "Must have been held in December, 1832." At this meeting W. Bro. Thomas Carfrae, a Captain in the Canadian Militia, was elected W.M.

On the 24th December, 1833, W. Bro. Thomas Carfrae consented to act as W.M. for another year, and he was "authorized to get a sufficient number of cards printed, stating the regular meeting nights, for the use of the brethren." The new officers were installed on the 27th December, after which "the brethren enjoyed themselves with the good things of this life for a reasonable time."

At the January meeting an inventory of all the goods and chattels belonging to the lodge was ordered to be taken. It was resolved "That the Worshipful Master be requested to write to the Grand Master of England respecting the appointment of a Grand Lodge in this Province."

The next meeting, of which we have a record, is that of the 24th June, the Festival of St. John the Baptist, when the brethren partook "of viands prepared for the occasion." Then no meetings were held in July, August and September "on account of cholera," as the records show. No meeting was held in October, but the next recorded meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge

was held "at Toronto," on the 18th November, 1834. It was during this year that the town of York was incorporated as the "City of Toronto."

On the 8th July, 1835, an emergent meeting was called, but owing to the want of a quorum no meeting was held. Another "emergent meeting" was called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, 1835, day and month not given, but it is probably the record of a meeting held in December. At these meetings Bro. Thomas Moore is mentioned as being the W.M., although there is no record of his election to this office, but he may have been elected to the position during the period of which we have no record. That he held the position appears evident from the following minute: "Bro. Carfrae proposed to be W.M. for year ensuing—by ballot—by W. Master Moore, seconded by Bro. Denham." Inserted in the latter minutes is also the note, "April 26th, no meeting." No records of meetings have been found from 1835 until 1840. It was during this period that great excitement prevailed in Canada owing to political disturbances, which finally culminated in the rebellion of 1837.

The year 1840 is noteworthy in the annals of St. Andrew's Lodge, for on the 28th January, a reorganization of the lodge took place. W. Bro. Thomas Carfrae, was W.M., *pro tem*. The following resolutions were adopted:

"That the brethren present feel it their duty, in order that the principles of our ancient and honorable institution may be more generally diffused, to re-organize St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, and that the present moment is extremely auspicious for that object."

“That the visiting brethren who may wish to join the lodge may have an opportunity of doing so on the spot, and that they be permitted to give their names accordingly.”

A large number of brethren joined at this meeting. A committee was appointed “to enquire into the title to the present lodge room in Market Lane, and to make arrangements with the corporation respecting it—to report at the next general meeting.” It was decided to revise the By-laws, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Colonel Chisholm “for his kind interference in a high quarter in behalf of Masonry in general and particularly in respect to this lodge.” Bro. Colonel Chisholm was a member of the Legislature, and it is alleged was on the most friendly terms with the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Francis Bond Head, and it may be presumed that it was in this “high quarter” his interference had been so beneficial as to call forth the thanks of the lodge.

On the 11th February, 1840, the committee appointed to enquire into the title to the property on which the lodge was built was unable to report “until a building committee of the corporation was formed.” A committee was then authorized “to make our lodge room, in Market Lane, in a fit state for our next meeting.” At the regular meeting held March 10th, Bros. Dr. Alexander Burnside, founder of the Burnside Lying-in Hospital, and several other prominent citizens of Toronto affiliated with the lodge.

At the April meeting Bro. John Dean was given the use of the lodge room for Wednesdays and Fridays for the Musical Society, of which he was President, on payment of \$2 per month to the Tyler.

W. Bro. Thomas Gibbs Ridout was installed W.M., at the Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24th, 1840. On July the 14th, Mr. James Robert Gowan was initiated. Bro. Sir J. R. Gowan, LL.D., K.C., who subsequently resided in Barrie, at the time of his death in 1909, was the oldest living member of St. Andrew's Lodge, and probably the oldest living Canadian Mason.

At the August meeting Mr. Thomas D. Harington, Deputy Receiver-General for Canada for a number of years and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the years 1860-61-62-63, was balloted for and accepted, but he afterwards applied for admission and was initiated in the "Duke of Leinster" Lodge, No. 283, Registry of Ireland, Kingston, Canada, in 1843. He affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge in 1856. The Hon. Robert B. Sullivan, Mayor of Toronto in 1835, afterwards Mr. Justice Sullivan, was initiated at this meeting.

The W.M. at the meeting on the 8th September ordered that the lodge be placed in mourning for two months on account of the deaths of R. W. Bro. Lord Durham, Deputy Grand Master of England, and R.W. Bro. Simon McGillivray, Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada.





BRO. SIR J. R. GOWAN, LL.D.

At the time of his death, in 1909, had been a member of  
St. Andrew's Lodge for sixty-eight years



Among those present at the regular meeting on the 10th November, 1840, were : Bro. Colonel Coffin, R.W. Bro. the Hon. John H. Dunn, father of Bro. Alexander R. Dunn, an officer of the 11th Hussars, and a member of Ionic Lodge, Toronto, who afterwards won the Victoria Cross for bravery displayed during the famous charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava, and who was afterwards accidentally killed in the Abyssinian campaign, and Bro. Dr. Rolph, who opposed William Lyon Mackenzie in the first mayoralty contest in the city of Toronto.

On the 8th December, 1840, the following prominent citizens of Toronto were initiated : Vice-Chancellor, the Hon. R. S. Jameson ; Mr. John Duggan, barrister ; Mr. Joseph C. Morrison, afterwards the Hon. Justice Morrison, and Dr. John King, Professor of Medicine in the University of King's College, afterwards Toronto University. Dr. King was a prominent Roman Catholic, to whose memory, after his death, a tablet was erected in St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto. The tablet can be seen in that Church to-day beneath the tower and spire, whose gilded cross is said to contain a veritable portion of the original cross of Calvary sent to Canada by one of the Popes for this particular Cathedral. The inscription on the tablet reads as follows :

"Sacred to the memory of John King, M.D., late Professor of Medicine in Toronto University, who died on the 12th of January, 1857, after a long and painful illness, aged 53 years." Then followed several lines of verse extolling his virtues.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was magnificently celebrated on the 28th December, 1840. There were sixty members and twenty visitors present, among whom were some of the most prominent citizens of Toronto. The lodge was opened at 2 o'clock p.m., with W. Bro. Thomas Gibbs Ridout as W.M., Bro. Dr. Widmer as S.W., and Bro. Robert McClure as J.W. The lodge formed in procession under the marshalship of W. Bro. Thomas Carfrae, and proceeded to St. Andrew's Church, where an eloquent sermon was preached by the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. T. Leach. In the evening the brethren again formed in procession, and with lighted torches "proceeded past the residence of His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor" (Bro. Sir George Arthur), "to the North American Hotel, and having there partaken of refreshments, the lodge closed in harmony at 11 o'clock."

At an emergent meeting held on the 7th January, 1841, Captain Frederick Leopold Arthur and Lieutenant Charles J. Colville, of the Garrison, were proposed, balloted for and initiated. On the 9th February, Mr. Henry Sherwood, Q.C., M.P.P., and Mayor of Toronto in 1842-44, was initiated. An emergent meeting was held on the 23rd February for the purpose of initiating Captain Osborne Markham, of the 23rd Light Infantry, and Captain Osborn Markham, of the 32nd Regiment, who were about to leave the Province. These officers



were not initiated until the 2nd March, when Mr. George Munro, Mayor of Toronto in 1841 was also initiated.

In March and April, besides the two regular meetings, there were nine emergent meetings held, and among those initiated were Captain Bartholomew Tench and Captain John Pepper Downes, of the incorporated Militia, Lieutenant John Eardley Wilmot Inglis and Ensign William Johnson Billingham, both of the 32nd Regiment, and Mr. William B. Jarvis, afterwards Sheriff of the Home District.

Many of the military men who joined St. Andrew's Lodge about this period subsequently became renowned in Britain's wars in the Crimea and India. Bro. General Sir John Eardley Wilmot Inglis, the hero of Lucknow, and a son of Dr. Charles Inglis, Bishop of Nova Scotia, received as a Lieutenant in the 32nd Regiment of Foot the first and second degrees in St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, subsequently as Captain the third degree in Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth, England, and as a Lieutenant-Colonel he affiliated with Khyber Lodge, Peshawur, in 1852. History informs us that a regiment of Sepoys mutinied and that at a signal of the dropping of the Lotus Flower they fired their muskets and killed their white officers. At the gate of the residency a fierce fight occurred and that amid the confusion, Ungad, the faithful messenger, slipped through the gates bearing dispatches to Bro. General Inglis, which

said that help was coming. The British then prepared for the defence which was a long and desperate one. The story of Jessie Brown and the bagpipes of the Highlanders, and the relief of the besieged is well-known to readers of British history.

At the regular meeting on the 8th June, W. Bro. Thomas G. Ridout was elected W.M., and Mr. William Henry Boulton, afterwards M.P., and Mayor of Toronto in 1845-47-58, was initiated. Bro. Hugh Scobie submitted the Report of the Finance Committee, which showed the lodge to be in an exceedingly flourishing condition. The Treasurer's account showed the receipts to be £328 18s. 6d. ; the general expenditure £77 9s. ; the cost of the Festival of St. John £74 1s. 10d. ; salaries £9 2s. 6d. ; the furniture and regalia £87 7s. 5½d. ; charities £9 5s. 0 ; Grand Lodge dues £20 14s. 10d. ; refreshments for the year £15 3s. 1½d. The debts due by the lodge were £20 18s. 3d. ; and there was due to the lodge about £63 15s. 4d. At the meeting held on the 24th June, it was ordered that a salary of 5 shillings a night be paid to the Tyler, and an additional sum of £6 10s. was added as a gratuity.

In August, the revised By-laws were read and confirmed, and £5 was granted to Bro. John H. Demott, of Whitby, whose property had been destroyed by fire. During the next two months over £12 were donated to distressed brethren and widows. At the meeting of November the

9th, 1841, no fewer than five initiations took place, the ballot was passed upon five applications, and six propositions for membership were received.

The W.M., at the regular meeting on the 14th December, announced the following arrangements for the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist :

“That the lodge do celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on Monday, the 27th, according to ancient custom of the Order, to meet on that day at the lodge room at 12 o'clock noon, for the despatch of business, and at 2 o'clock form into procession, going through the Market Square to St. Andrew's Church where divine service will be performed by the Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Leach, after which the lodge will again form on the north side of the church to proceed down Yonge street, thence eastward through Church street to the lodge room. The dinner to be on the table at Bro. Campbell's at 6 o'clock. The price of tickets for brethren not members of the lodge to be fifteen shillings. The Secretary was directed to apply to Col. Furlong for permission for the band of the 43rd Regiment to attend on the 27th, and also to cause advertisements to be inserted in the *Colonist* and the *Herald* newspapers, giving notice of the procession and inviting other lodges to attend. The Worshipful Master was pleased to permit officers of this lodge being also Royal Arch Masons to appoint deputies to walk in their respective places as such officers.”

The reference to Royal Arch Masons in the preceding paragraph directs our attention to the fact that many prominent members of the lodge were as officers connected with St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, P.R., both before and subsequent to 1841. The Companions of St. John's Chapter, on the 28th February, 1848, resolved to hand over their warrant, jewels, parapher-

naliam and furniture to St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 487, E.R., which had just been organized. At this time the principal officers of St. Andrew's Chapter were also members of St. Andrew's Lodge. On the 12th October, 1849, the Companions who had previously been connected with St. John's Chapter, and desiring to work again under their old warrant, petitioned St. Andrew's Chapter for the return of their jewels, paraphernalia and furniture, which petition was granted. The two chapters then continued working under their respective warrants, one or the other sometimes lapsing into dormancy for a while, until they amalgamated on the 27th May, 1870, and became known as the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, G.R.C. St. Andrew's Chapter was attached to St. Andrew's Lodge for many years and was designated as "The St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, attached to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 487, E.R."

At the meeting of the 14th December, 1841, two prominent brethren were initiated, Sir Allan Napier MacNab, and Mr. Charles William George Bury, Lord Tullamore, an officer in the 43rd Regiment of Foot, and eldest son of the Earl of Charleville, an Irish Peer. R.W. Bro Sir Allan Napier MacNab, after becoming a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, affiliated with Barton Lodge, Hamilton, January 12th, 1842. He was appointed, in 1844, by the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, as



Provincial Grand Master of Canada, with R.W. Bro. Thomas G. Ridout as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. In September, 1857, the Provincial Grand Lodge met and dissolved and declared itself an independent Grand Lodge, under the name of "The Ancient Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada," with Sir Allan MacNab as the Grand Master. This Grand Lodge ultimately joined with the other Grand Lodge then in existence, and formed "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario," as at present constituted, on the 14th July, 1858. Bro. MacNab was knighted in 1838, became Prime Minister in 1854, and retired from the office of Premier in 1856.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was right royally celebrated on the 27th, and the *British Colonist* of the 29th December, 1841, published an excellent report of the celebration. Bro. Chaplain Rev. W. T. Leach, M.A., preached an eloquent discourse from Romans xii. 10—"Be kindly affectioned one to another." The choir formed for the occasion, consisting "of several ladies and gentlemen from Toronto Vocal Sacred Music Society, and the St. James' and St. Andrew's choirs," rendered admirably the anthems and hymns selected for the service under the direction of Bro. John Mayhew.

On the 11th January, 1842, the Chaplain of the lodge was exempted from dues, and on the 15th, Bro. the Hon. Charles Hugh Lindsay, of

the 43rd Light Infantry, was initiated. This brother on the 14th April, 1843, was advanced to the Fellow-craft Degree and at a subsequent date raised to the Master Mason's Degree in St. John's Lodge, No. 891, Enniskillen, Ireland.

At several meetings of the lodge the question of leasing the two lots on which the lodge room stood in Market Lane was discussed. It was stated, at an emergent meeting held on the 17th May, "That the common Council of this city had decided to lease the lots on which this Lodge stands to the Masonic Society for an annual rent of £10." On the 24th May, 1842, it was resolved that the lease be accepted from the corporation by the trustees to be appointed, "as trustees for St. Andrew's Lodge, the only organized body of Free and Accepted Masons in this city." It was also resolved "That the committee which has lately negotiated with the corporation committee, communicate to the chairman that this lodge will receive the lease in the name of the trustees to be appointed by them for St. Andrew's Lodge."

On the 14th June, the following resolution was adopted :

"That it would better suit the health and convenience of the brethren were the annual celebration to take place on the 24th June (St. John the Baptist's Day), instead of the 27th of December (St. John the Evangelist's Day), as at present celebrated by St. Andrew's Lodge of this city."

It was resolved :

"That the usual observations and system be adopted at the coming festival, and that the same fee of 10 shillings be chargeable to members whether present or absent."

The Festival of St. John the Baptist on the 24th June, 1842, was duly celebrated, over seventy brethren being present. W. Bro. Robert McClure was installed W.M. At half-past two p.m. the members formed into procession, and proceeded to St. Andrew's Church, which was situated on the south-west corner of Church and Adelaide Streets, where divine service was performed by the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. T. Leach, after which the brethren dined at the North American Hotel.

It was determined at a meeting held on the 12th July, 1842 :

"That the names of all members who are in arrears for more than three months be read out at the next meeting ; that the Tyler be instructed to deliver the accounts, and that the members be charged 6 pence for each month in arrears as remuneration for extra trouble to the Tyler."

On the 9th of August a brother who had been incarcerated for debt had petitioned the lodge for relief, and it was decided if the applicant was found worthy "to afford him relief to the extent of \$4 until the next regular meeting." The following circular appears in the minutes of this meeting :

"St. John's, Canada, 11th July, 5842.

"To the W.M., Officers and Brethren of Lodge No. 1, Toronto :

"WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I am commanded by the W.M. of this lodge, No. 262, held in Her Majesty's 85th Regiment of Foot, to communicate to you that by a resolution of the lodge bearing date 16th of May, 5842, Brother John Aspinall, of Lodge 564, and of Her Majesty's 23rd Regiment, was suspended from this lodge for non-payment of dues."

(Sgd.) "J. VOLAN, Sec'y."

At an emergent meeting on the 16th August, the Secretary was instructed to send £3 to the wife of a petitioner for relief, residing in Montreal, and at the September meeting the committee which was appointed to visit and relieve the widow of a deceased brother reported that

“They found her . . . confined to bed by sickness and in want, and they relieved her by the gift of 15 shillings.”

A report was also submitted concerning a brother who was confined to jail for debt, which stated that the Committee had gone “to the gaol, made enquiry into his needs and wants, and in terms of the instructions given them” had since paid him five shillings a week.

An emergent meeting was called by the W.M. on the 7th November, 1842, for the purpose of presenting a piece of plate to R.W. Bro. Thomas Gibbs Ridout, a brother who had for many years worked so assiduously for the welfare of St. Andrew's Lodge as well as for Masonry in general. W. Bro. Robert McClure occupied the chair, and sixty-one brethren were present.

The *British Colonist* of the 16th November, 1842, contains the following description of the testimonial presented to Bro. Ridout :

“The testimonial is a vase, supported on a stand sixteen and a half inches high, weighing eighty-four ounces. The base is formed by a scalloped triangle, supported by richly chased shell-pattern feet in dead silver, between each two of which is inserted a medallion, with the respective Masonic emblems of the All-Seeing Eye, the Double Triangle, and the Clasped Hands, indicative of the supports of the Order—Morality, Science and Unity. On the centre of the base is a Grecian Doric column, elegantly





At a meeting of the Brethren of S<sup>d</sup> Andrew's Lodge, held at Brother Gardner's on Tuesday the fifth day of July, A.D. 1842, it was  
Resolved; That a Subscription List be sent round to the Brethren to  
raise funds for the purchase of a piece of plate to be presented to our late Worth-  
ful Master, Thomas, Gibbs, Ridout, and the following Brethren were appointed a  
Committee to receive the Subscriptions; viz, Brothers, King, Cowan and Lyons

£. s. d.			£. s. d.				
Abraham	2	10	0	Mr Campbell	2	1	0
W. M. Cunningham	2	10	"	Lat Watson	1	5	"
Chas. Hargrave	2	10	"	James Brown	1	5	"
Whitcomb	2	10	0	Wm. Waters	1	5	"
J. Bunkham	1	5	"	Joseph Pull	1	5	"
Thomas Daniell	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	2	0	0
Samuel Smith	2	10	"	Walter Roper	-	10	"
W. M. Wren	1	10	"	W. M. Wren	1	"	"
Hopkins Wager	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	1	"	"
Thomas Wager	-	5	"	W. M. Wren	1	0	0
W. M. Wren	2	10	0	W. M. Wren	1	"	"
John Eastwood	-	10	"	W. M. Wren	-	10	"
W. M. Wren	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	1	5	"
W. M. Wren	1	0	0	W. M. Wren	1	5	"
W. M. Wren	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	1	5	"
John King M.D.	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	1	5	"
Clayton J.	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	1	"	"
George Morris	1	"	"	W. M. Wren	0	5	0
W. M. Wren	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	1	5	0
W. M. Wren	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	-	10	"
W. M. Wren	1	"	"	W. M. Wren	2	6	"
Joseph Rogers	1	5	"	W. M. Wren	-	10	"
Robert M. Wren	1	"	"	W. M. Wren	0	5	0
W. M. Wren	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	1	5	"
W. M. Wren	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	10	"	"
W. M. Wren	10	"	"	W. M. Wren	10	"	"
W. M. Wren	1	5	"	W. M. Wren	10	"	"
W. M. Wren	1	5	"	W. M. Wren	10	"	"
W. M. Wren	1	5	0	W. M. Wren	5	"	"
W. M. Wren	10	"	"	W. M. Wren	5	"	"
W. M. Wren	-	10	"	W. M. Wren	5	"	"
W. M. Wren	-	10	"	W. M. Wren	5	"	"
W. M. Wren	-	2	6	W. M. Wren	2	6	"
W. M. Wren	1	0	0	W. M. Wren	1	5	0
W. M. Wren	-	10	"	W. M. Wren	1	0	0
				W. M. Wren	10	0	"



chased : scroll work to support a stand for the vase and connected to three Sphinxes on each of the angles—as represented by the Sphinxes—the Grecian by the column—and connected with the Roman and modern times by the vase. The vase is richly chased and gilt inside, with two scroll handles, between which, on one side, is the jewel of the Past Master, (the office of Bro. Ridout).

“On the opposite side are the following inscriptions :

“*Presented* by the brethren of St. Andrew’s Lodge, No. 1, Canada West, to their late Worshipful Master, THOMAS GIBBS RIDOUT, as a testimony of their high estimation of his valuable services during the two past years, and of their sincere regard for him as a man and a Mason, Toronto, A.L., 5842.

“The work was from the manufactory of Bro. Sewell.”

The original subscription list on parchment for the above testimonial was presented to St. Andrew’s Lodge by Bro. Hon. J. R. Gowan, in May, 1896. The heading is as follows :

“At a meeting of the brethren of St. Andrew’s Lodge, held at Bro. Gardner’s on Tuesday, the 5th day of July, A.L., 5842, A.D. 1842, it was resolved, That a subscription list be sent around to the brethren to raise funds for the purchase of a piece of plate to be presented to our late Worshipful Master, Thomas Gibbs Ridout, and the following brethren were appointed a committee to receive the subscriptions, viz. : Bros. King, Gowan and Lynes.”

The subscribers to W. Bro. Ridout’s testimonial numbered seventy, and were composed of nearly all the influential men of the City of Toronto and vicinity, in the year 1842.

The position that St. Andrew’s Lodge occupied on the 10th January, 1843, among the lodges in Upper Canada, will be clearly seen when it is known that the lodge was appealed to regarding a difficulty which had occurred among the mem.

bers of Unity Lodge, Whitby. St. Andrew's Lodge was frequently appealed to by Country lodges when matters of dispute arose, as some of the most learned and cultivated men of Canada were connected with it.

It appears that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada was still in a dormant condition for on the 14th February it was resolved :

"That the Grand Lodge of England be addressed by this lodge, urging the necessity of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge in this Province, and most earnestly praying that such a lodge should be established in the Province with as little delay as possible."

On the 14th March the W.M. appointed a committee "to procure a rented building in lieu of the room at present occupied by this lodge." As a result of the committee's report on the 11th April, 1843, the lodge moved from the Market Lane to Turton's Buildings, on the north side of King Street, a few hundred yards west of Bay Street, afterwards known as Lamb's Hotel. It was also reported by Bro. Sewell,

"That the committee had met respecting the rent of this lodge room, and that it had been agreed that the Blue Lodge should pay of the £25 per annum £15, and the Chapter £10, which was unanimously adopted."

Two committees were appointed, one to act with "the Red Lodge," which meant St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, P.R., in the disposition of the old lodge building on the Market Lane, and the other to devise some means for the relief of Bro. Fisher, who had lost his mills and other buildings by fire.



On the 17th April, 1843, R.W. Bro. T. G. Ridout stated that he had addressed a communication to the Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, at London, which was ordered to be placed upon the minutes. Following is a summary of the letter which fully explains the reason of its being written. Bro. Ridout said that on the 2nd October, 1840, he had transmitted the returns of St. Andrew's Lodge, made up to the 25th of September of that year, with the sum of £16 5s. 8d. by a draft drawn by the Bank of Upper Canada at 10 days on Glenn, Halifax, Mills & Co., Bankers, London, of which no acknowledgment had been received, although he had been advised by the London Bankers that the draft was duly paid on the 11th November, 1840; that in consequence of the non-receipt of any acknowledgment further remittances had been postponed for two years and a half, that many initiations had taken place and that the lodge desired to again open communication with the Grand Lodge. He therefore transmitted the returns up to the 24th June, 1842, with a draft for £29 19s. 6d. sterling, for the registration fees, and for this he asked acknowledgment. Bro. Ridout further stated that there had been many initiations since the 24th June, 1842, and that he also had transmitted a petition, dated February 14th, 1843, to the Grand Lodge of England, asking for a warrant for a new lodge, about to be organized at "Goderich, Lake Huron, Canada West."

At the May meeting, the committee which had the disposition of the old lodge room building, reported :

“That they have agreed to sell the same to Mr. John Armstrong for the sum of ten pounds, taking his note at 6 months’ date, which he will give on being put in possession of the premises.”

On the 13th June W. Bro. Robert McClure was re-elected W.M. At the July meeting Mr. John G. Howard, the well-known Toronto architect and surveyor, was initiated. Bro. Howard’s name has become revered among the citizens of Toronto for his magnificent gift to the City of High Park and a valuable collection of paintings, books, etc.

On the 8th August, a communication from the Grand Lodge at London, England, addressed to R.W. Bro. T. G. Ridout, was read, acknowledging the receipt of £29 19s. 6d., remitted on the 17th April, and also of £16 5s. 6d., remitted on the 31st October, 1840. The letter stated that the certificates had been prepared, but as the parcel would be too bulky for post, Bro. Ridout “should name some house or friend in London through whom they might be forwarded.”

It was decided at an emergent meeting of the 19th September, that refreshments be given quarterly instead of monthly. The Finance Committee reported that the receipts during the year from all sources amounted to £378 14s. 5d., which included £43 10s. privately subscribed and given to the widow of the late Bro. Lang, and also £105 15s. 4d. brought forward from the

previous year. The expenditure amounted to £359 10s. 9d., leaving a balance on hand of £19 3s. 8d.

At the meeting held on the 10th October, 1843, it was resolved to purchase books for the proposed Masonic library, and a list was ordered to be prepared and left "at the stores of Bros. Richardson, Sewell and Scobie." This was the first movement towards the establishment of a Masonic library in Toronto. On the 21st November, at an emergent meeting, Mr. James Alexander Henderson of Kingston, Ont., afterwards Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1879-80, was initiated.

At the meeting on the 12th December, it was resolved to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist by a Masonic ball, and on the 19th the W.M. ordered that the Masons appear on the occasion in full Masonic dress, and he requested "that the ladies connected with Masons should wear a blue ribbon as a mark of distinction." The celebration took place on the 27th December, 1843, at the North American Hotel. As it was the first Masonic ball held in this part of the country it was well attended by the best people of the community, there being upwards of five hundred in attendance. Besides the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge and the companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. John, there were several members of the Provincial Grand Lodge present. The band of the 93rd Highlanders supplied the music.

On the 9th January, 1844, Dr. Edward M. Hodder, a well-known surgeon of Toronto at that period, was initiated, and on the 9th April, Mr. Æmilius Irving, afterwards a Q.C., Treasurer of the Upper Canada Law Society, and subsequently knighted by King George V., was initiated.

In June, 1844, W. Bro. T. G. Ridout was re-elected W.M. The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on the 24th June. The brethren, headed by the band of the 82nd Regiment, marched in procession to St. Andrew's Church, where the Rev. Bro. Cuthbertson preached an appropriate sermon, after which the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet in the North American Hotel.

At the meeting on the 9th July, Bro. Kivas Tully, afterwards an honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, affiliated. On the 13th August, the W.M. informed the lodge "that the committee of the city corporation had waited upon him to request that the lodge should lay the foundation stone of the new Market Building with Masonic honors, and desired to know if the lodge would undertake the work, which was agreed to by acclamation." At this meeting the Finance Committee's report showed the lodge to be in a good financial condition, and that £42 0s. 6d. had been expended in the purchase of a library.

At the October meeting it was resolved, "That a subscription list be opened for building





R.W. BRO. SIR ÆMILIUS IRVING, P.D.D.G.M.  
The oldest living member of St. Andrew's Lodge, having  
been a member in 1912 for sixty-eight years



or purchasing a hall in Toronto ; that the shares amount to £6 5s. each, payable one-third in cash, one-third in three, and the remaining third in six months' notes ; that the shares so subscribed might be transferred to members of St. Andrew's Lodge and to no other brethren without the consent of the trustees of the lodge." The Commercial Bank building on King Street west, afterwards the *Globe* office, was thought to be well adapted for lodge purposes, and it was resolved to communicate with the cashier of the Gore Bank, Hamilton, and offer him £2,000 for the building ; but on the 12th November this offer was refused, which brought the negotiations to a close.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on the 27th December, 1844, by the usual supper and Masonic ball. In March, it was resolved to expend £125 in furniture for the lodge room, and plans and specifications of the furniture were submitted by Bro. John G. Howard. The furniture then procured forms part of the walnut furniture now in the Blue room of the Masonic Hall, Temple Building, corner of Bay and Richmond Streets.

On the 13th May, 1845, it was announced that R.W. Bro. Thomas G. Ridout was about to visit England, and that as the question of a Provincial Grand Lodge had been discussed by the Craft in Upper Canada for years, it was thought that this would be a fitting opportunity of having the matter pressed upon the attention

of the Grand Lodge of England. It was therefore resolved,

“That the Secretary be directed to write to the several lodges now in operation in Canada West to inform them that W.M. Ridout is about to proceed to England, and that he will be in communication with the Grand Lodge ; that it is the intention of this lodge to solicit the appointment of a Provincial Grand Lodge, and that St. Andrew’s Lodge will recommend the appointment of Bro. T. G. Ridout to be Provincial Grand Master, and that he be requested to nominate the Provincial Grand Officers, and that the Secretary, on behalf of this lodge, solicit the concurrence of the other lodges therein, and also that he inform the members of those lodges that all the Provincial Grand Lodge jewels are in the custody of Bro. Ridout and the Past Provincial Grand Treasurer, and that he proposes leaving Toronto about the 28th of this month.”

R.W. Bro. Sir Allan MacNab subsequently received the appointment of Provincial Grand Master for Upper Canada.

At an emergent meeting held on the 20th May, 1845, the amended By-laws were submitted and adopted and four hundred copies were ordered to be printed. They are headed : “By-laws of St. Andrew’s Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1, Canada West, No. 754 in the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England.” Following are the fees mentioned : “For initiation, including fees payable to the Grand Lodge of England for Registry and Grand Lodge Certificate, five pounds. For passing to the Degree of Fellow-craft, fifteen shillings. For raising to the Degree of Master Mason, one pound five shillings. For quarterly dues and refreshment fund every member shall pay



monthly two shillings and sixpence. For the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the 24th June, every member shall pay, whether present or absent, ten shillings." Article XV. of the By-laws states that "No Entered Apprentice shall be entitled to speak or vote, nor shall any Fellow-craft vote, on any question appertaining to the business of the lodge."

On the 30th May, 1845, at an emergent meeting held at the Masonic Arms Hotel, West Market Square, Toronto, an address signed by eighty-six members was presented to W. Bro. T. G. Ridout, who was about to visit England.

On the 9th June, 1848, W. Bro. Francis Richardson was elected W.M., and installed on the 24th June, the Festival of St. John the Baptist, after which the lodge formed into procession and, headed by the band of the 82nd Regiment, marched to St. James' Cathedral, where Bro. Rev. Vincent P. Meyerhoffer, of Markham, a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, preached an eloquent discourse, at the conclusion of which the brethren proceeded to the Wellington Hotel, and partook of the usual banquet.

At an emergent meeting held on the 5th August, a circular was read announcing a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held on the 9th August, 1845, at Hamilton, by order of R.W. Bro. Sir Allan Napier MacNab, who had recently been appointed by the Grand Lodge of England Provincial Grand Master of

Upper Canada, and, a Provincial Grand Lodge having been previously organized, it was resolved that "all members of St. Andrew's Lodge, qualified to sit in the Grand Lodge, form a deputation to represent this lodge in the Provincial Grand Lodge."

On the 14th October, Bros. Kivas Tully, R. S. Denoird and S. B. Campbell presented the lodge with the rough and perfect ashlar that are in the Blue room of the Masonic Hall to-day. An emergent meeting was held at the Government House, on the 30th December, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, after which the usual banquet took place.

At a meeting the 20th January, 1846, Mr. William Henry Wellar, afterwards Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1877-8, was initiated. A wise custom was evidently observed at this period, for at this meeting a communication was read from St. George's Lodge, No. 643, E.R., Montreal, Quebec, transmitting a list of the officers of that lodge for the year, and wishing the members of St. Andrew's Lodge happiness and prosperity. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge the same and to enclose a list of the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge. In April, Mr. Thomas Galt, afterwards Sir Thomas Galt, and Chief Justice of the Common Pleas of Ontario, was initiated.

At a meeting held June the 9th, a communication was read from the W.M. and brethren of the newly-organized Zetland Lodge, No. 789,

E.R., No. 13, P.R., the brethren of which being members of St. Andrew's Lodge desired to withdraw from membership owing to their connection with Zetland Lodge, which request was granted, as well as the use of the hall and furniture of St. Andrew's Lodge for six months. A bright future was anticipated for Zetland Lodge, but the expectations were not realized, as the lodge ceased to exist in 1851. The name was revived in 1875, when the present Zetland Lodge, No. 326, G.R.C., was organized.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated as usual on June 24th, 1848. W. Bro. Francis Richardson, W.M. (re-elected), with the other officers were duly installed and invested. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren, accompanied by the band of the 81st Regiment, marched to St. James' Cathedral, where Bro. Rev. Harvey McAlpine, of St. Andrew's Lodge, preached an appropriate discourse, which was afterwards ordered to be printed for distribution among the members. An excellent musical service was rendered by the choirs of St. James' Cathedral and St. Paul's Church, for which they were tendered the thanks of the lodge. The brethren held their accustomed banquet at the Old Government House in the evening.

On the 11th August, Mr. Adam Wilson, afterwards Sir Adam Wilson, Mayor of Toronto in 1859-60, and Chief Justice of the Common Pleas and Queen's Bench in 1878-84, was initiated.

A letter was read the 13th October, 1846, from St. John's Lodge, No. 1, New York, proposing to have mutual representatives in each of the Lodges, so as to establish a closer communication between them, and thus enable them the more effectually to carry out the true spirit of Masonry. W. Bro. Francis Richardson was appointed to be representative of St. Andrew's Lodge, and the Secretary was instructed to notify St. John's Lodge of the appointment. Subsequently (December 8th) a letter was received from St. John's Lodge, New York, enclosing the appointment of W. Bro. Francis Richardson as their representative, and recommending Bro. Fitzgerald Tisdale as a fit person to act as the representative of St. Andrew's Lodge to their lodge. The appointment of Bro. Tisdale was approved by St. Andrew's Lodge. A communication was also received from the German Pythagoras Lodge, No. 86, New York, enclosing a list of the members of that lodge.

At this period the meetings of the lodge were well attended, both by members and visitors. By motion at a meeting held the 8th December, it was resolved to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist "by a ball and refreshments," on the 29th December, 1846.

At the meeting held on the 8th June, a vote of thanks was tendered Bro. William Gordon, owner and captain "of the steamer Admiral, for his uniform kindness and generosity to brethren and their families in distress, in giving them free passage, meals, etc., etc."



The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on the 24th June, 1847. W. Bro. S. B. Campbell, W.M., and the other officers were installed and invested. The Chaplain delivered an excellent address, for which he received the thanks of the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. G. C. Horwood's North American Hotel and partook of "refreshments suitable for the occasion."

On July the 13th, 1847, a communication was read signed by a number of brethren of the Lodge, intimating that they had formed themselves into a lodge called "Ionic Lodge," and that they desired to withdraw from this lodge on obtaining the usual certificate. The Secretary of Ionic Lodge assured the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge who might visit Ionic Lodge a truly Masonic welcome.

At the meeting held August the 10th, it was decided

"That the chairman of the Benevolence Committee be instructed to communicate with the chairman of the Benevolence Committees of the other lodges in Toronto with the view of affording each lodge an opportunity to bear its equitable proportion of the Masonic charitable contributions in this city."

This was apparently the first step towards the formation of the present Board of Masonic Relief. At an emergent meeting held November the 16th, Mr. Alexander Manning, afterwards Mayor of Toronto in 1873 and 1885, was initiated.

On December the 6th, a committee was appointed to confer with the other Toronto lodges as to the best mode of celebrating the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. On the 14th December it was decided that the regular "Festival of St. John" be celebrated on the 27th December instead of the 24th June, and that Article IX. of the By-laws be made to read, "That every member, whether present or absent, shall pay ten shillings for the Festival on the 27th December." A committee was also appointed to superintend the fitting up of the new Masonic Hall in Beard's Hotel building.

In March, a communication was received from Ark Lodge, No. 33, Geneva, New York, asking that the W.M. be requested to act as its representative, which request was granted. At the meeting held April 10th, Mr. Angus Morrison, afterwards Mayor of Toronto in 1876-7, was initiated.

At the May meeting a communication was received from the Provincial Grand Secretary, announcing that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Hamilton, June the 13th, 1848, and requesting that St. Andrew's Lodge be represented. An account of £19 7s. 11d., including £8 7s. 6d. for a banner, was paid. The banner referred to is still in possession of the lodge. It appears that at this period the Provincial Grand Lodge required all lodges to have banners. A vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. John Thomas Matthews for an

ornamented written list of the members for 1848. This list is in possession of the lodge now.

On the 24th June, 1848, the lodge met for the first time in the new hall, the upper storey of the building then known as Beard's Hotel, at the corner of Church and Colborne Streets. W. Bro. Thomas Gibbs Ridout was again placed in the Oriental chair. At the meeting the 11th July, it was proposed to do away with refreshments at the regular meetings, but it was finally arranged that the refreshments should not exceed 10s. In August accounts of £5 10s. for upholstering, and £1 13s. for the schooling of the children of a deceased brother "to keep them from mischievous habits" were passed. It was decided that the Treasurer should announce at each meeting the amount of funds in hand.

On the 12th September an account for £18 18s. 6d., was submitted in connection with furnishing the new hall, part of which was to be charged to St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, attached to St. Andrew's Lodge. An account of £1 10s. for the hanging of a bell was ordered to be paid.

At the meeting of the 10th October, 1848, Mr. Thomas Bird Harris, afterwards Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was initiated. W. Bro. Donald McLean presented the lodge with a handsome "mull" or snuff box for the use of the members, for which he received the thanks of the lodge.

On the 27th December, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the W.M. appointed a deputation to proceed to Ionic Lodge, No. 18, P.R., then celebrating the Festival, and to extend to them the right hand of fellowship. St. Andrew's lodge was waited upon by a deputation from Ionic Lodge who in the name of the W.M. and brethren of the lodge expressed a hope that St. Andrew's Lodge would continue to flourish as it had hitherto done, and trusted that the harmonious and kindly feeling that had subsisted between the two lodges since the formation of Ionic Lodge would never be disturbed.

At the meeting of the 24th April the Audit Committee reported the liabilities to be £146 19s. 11d., of which sum £100 had to be paid almost immediately. The principal portion of these liabilities had been incurred in furnishing the new lodge room. It was proposed to raise £100 by a loan, to be paid by instalments of £25 every three months, and Bros. Thomas G. Ridout, Rice Lewis, F. W. Barron, Hugh Scobie, Henry Caldwell, A. Drummond and Æmilius Irving agreed to become responsible for a sum not to exceed £70 ; and Bros. Ridout, Duggan and Macdonell further assisted by each placing £10 at the disposal of the lodge.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist, the 24th June, 1849, was duly celebrated and W. Bro. Hugh Scobie, editor and proprietor of the *Colonist* newspaper, was installed W.M. On the



24th June, 1850, W. Bro. Hugh Scobie was again invested W.M.

At the meeting held on the 18th March, the By-laws were again revised. Fees for initiation, passing and raising, including fees payable to Grand Lodge of England for registration and certificate and to the Provincial Grand Lodge for registration, £7 10s. For admission as a member, £1. For re-admission, 10 shillings. For monthly contributions, 2 shillings and 6 pence. For quarterly dues to Provincial Grand Lodge, 7½ pence.

In April, a policy of insurance on the furniture and jewels for £200 (£150 on jewels and £50 on furniture), with the British America Fire and Life Assurance Company, was renewed by paying the premium of £2 12s. 6d. The jewels belonging to St. Andrew's Lodge at this period and for many years afterwards were valuable.

On the 13th May, 1851, a communication was received from the Provincial Grand Secretary, calling a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge for the 11th June next, and enclosing the following extracts from the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England, held on September 6th, 1826, relating to registration fees.

“Masons heretofore made and not registered, 10 shillings currency or two Spanish milled dollars. Masons previously registered in one lodge and joining another 5 shillings currency or one Spanish milled dollar. The Master was answerable for the collection and transmission of these fees, and returns were to be made in duplicate to the Provincial Grand Lodge, which forwarded one to the

Grand Lodge of England with an equal moiety of the amount of the above fees and a list of members for registration each year; the brethren requiring Grand Lodge certificates had to pay 6 shillings 6 pence."

The communication continued by stating :

"You are also further requested to send a separate return of all members admitted between the date of your warrant or that of your last returns to the Grand Lodge of England and the date of the enclosed return sheet, accompanied by the following fees, viz. : "5 shillings currency each for registering the names of newly-made brethren and of brethren made under any foreign Grand Lodge ; 2 shillings 6 pence for transferring the name of any brother from one lodge to another, both lodges being under the English jurisdiction ; and 6 shillings 6 pence sterling or 8 shillings 12 pence (*sic*) currency for each member requiring a Grand Lodge certificate."

The anniversary of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on the 24th June, 1851. It was the custom at this period for the lodge to celebrate both the Festival of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. R.W. Bro. the Hon. W. Badgley, Deputy Grand Master of the District of Montreal, upon invitation presided, and R.W. Bro. Thomas G. Ridout was installed for the fifth time W.M.

On the 9th December, 1851, the Junior Warden was instructed to have plain refreshments at the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on account of the financial condition of the lodge. On the 13th April, 1852, it was resolved that those lodges or chapters desiring to rent the lodge room could do so on the payment of £10 yearly; the Provincial Grand Lodge was paying a rental of £5

a year for its regular meetings. Quarterly meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge at this period were held in Toronto.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist was quietly celebrated on the 24th June, 1852, by installing and investing W. Bro. F. W. Barron, Principal of Upper Canada College, W.M.

At the April meeting Bro. John G. Howard presented the lodge with three books that had been lost, which contained the records of the lodge from an early date.

Nothing of consequence is recorded until the 24th June, 1853, when a deputation from King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, waited upon St. Andrew's Lodge and presented a proposition relating to the joint leasing of lodge rooms. Articles of agreement were drawn up and signed by W. Bro. F. W. Barron on behalf of St. Andrew's Lodge, and W. Bro. Kivas Tully on behalf of King Solomon's Lodge. This agreement was for the leasing of the rooms known as the Odd Fellows' Hall, situated on the north-west corner of Church and Court Streets. Alterations were subsequently made in the agreement drawn up by King Solomon's Lodge which St. Andrew's Lodge refused to confirm, and so the understanding between the two lodges was not carried out. At this meeting W. Bro. F. W. Barron was for the second time installed W.M.

The brethren still felt the need of a better lodge accommodation, for at a meeting held July the 6th, 1853, it was resolved :

“That since St. Andrew’s Lodge has failed in all its recent endeavors to enlist the various lodges in the city in jointly leasing a lodge room and accommodation for the use of the various lodges and chapters, that the W.M. be requested to appoint a committee to engage rooms for the use of St. Andrew’s Lodge.”

On the 12th July, 1853, a committee was appointed to ascertain if the other lodges in the city would accept the terms proposed by St. Andrew’s Lodge for the joint occupation of the new Masonic Hall. At the meeting held the 11th October, a circular was received from the Masonic Relief Committee of New Orleans, soliciting aid for the relief of suffering Masons and their families during the prevalence of the epidemic which was then depopulating that city. The W. M. appointed the Senior Warden in conjunction with himself to obtain donations from the brethren for that purpose.

At an emergent meeting held on the 6th December, 1853, the lodge honored a distinguished brother and a well-known benefactor of Toronto, W. Bro. Dr. Alexander Burnside, by presenting him with a beautiful address. In January, 1854, after a visiting brother had been examined by a Board of Trial, vouched for, admitted and when before the altar, the W.M. administered the test obligation.

On the 31st January, 1854, a communication was received from the Provincial Grand Master, empowering the W.M. to give the Second and Third Degrees to Bro. Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski, an eminent civil engineer, and after-



wards aide-de-camp to Queen Victoria, he being about to visit Europe. Bro. Gzowski was initiated in one of the lodges in the Province of Quebec.

In March, the W.M. gave an instructive lecture on the tracing boards of the First, Second and Third Degrees, and then presented to the lodge "a very unique and ingenious device, showing when seen from different points, but within the same space, the words, Faith, Hope and Charity."

On the 9th May Mr. Sanford Fleming, afterwards Sir Sanford Fleming, was initiated. Mr. Fleming was the well-known Canadian Government Engineer, who was the promoter of the scheme for spanning the Pacific Ocean by electric cable which in connection with the overland telegraph completed the electric girdle of the globe, and brought Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa in unbroken touch without passing over foreign soil.

The Lodge had prospered exceedingly under the able Mastership of W. Bro. F. W. Barron, and it was the wish of the members that he should continue in that office another year. By the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England this was allowed only in exceptional cases. After a good deal of difficulty, and the presentation of a petition signed by the officers of the lodge and eighty-four members, to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a dispensation

was obtained, and W. Bro. F. W. Barron was re-elected W.M. On the 24th June, 1854, the ceremony of installation of W. Bro. Barron took place.

We find the Masonic spirit of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge displayed in strengthening the fraternal bond among the Masons of Toronto, for on the 8th November, 1854, an Encampment of Knights Templars was organized, to be known as the "Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta." The first principal officers of this Preceptory were : Knights S. B. Harman, F. Richardson, George Duggan, W. M. Jamieson, W. G. Storm and T. G. Ridout, all of whom were members of St. Andrew's Lodge.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist, December the 27th, was duly celebrated. At this time Great Britain was engaged in the Crimean War, and a Patriotic Fund was being raised for the relief of the widows and orphans of the gallant men who gave their lives to uphold the honor of their country. The W.M. at a subsequent meeting "reported that the sum of £50 sterling (about \$250) had been made up by the members of St. Andrew's Lodge for the Patriotic Fund, and would be remitted to the proper authorities." At this celebration the following greeting :

"The St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, extends to \_\_\_\_\_ the hand of brotherhood, in the hope it may be grasped with the same warmth that it is proffered."

was telegraphed to Old St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, (organized in 1756), Strict Observance, Hamilton, St. John's, Cobourg, and St. John's, Kingston. Replies to the greeting were received from St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, and Strict Observance, Hamilton. Deputations from King Solomon's and Ionic Lodges visited St. Andrew's Lodge and were accorded a warm Masonic welcome.

On January the 12th, it was resolved that the members of St. Andrew's Lodge hold a ball, and request the co-operation of the other city lodges ; that the Masons of Toronto pay all the expenses and that the tickets of admission be sold through the committee to the public ; the entire proceeds to go to the charities of Toronto.

At the meeting held the 13th February, Bro. Henry Rowsell informed the lodge that he had imported a well-selected lot of Masonic books, and the Treasurer was instructed to purchase them. A committee was appointed to frame regulations governing the library, and on the 13th March the rules framed by the committee were adopted by the lodge.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on the 25th June, 1855, when W. Bro. W. M. Jamieson was installed and invested as W.M. The retiring W.M., W. Bro. F. W. Barron, was presented with an address signed by the officers of the lodge, and a Past Master's jewel and clothing. At this meeting the thanks

of the lodge were tendered to Bros. F. W. Cumberland and W. G. Storm for the handsome present of a full set of working tools.

On the 2nd July, a dispensation was received from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the initiation, passing and raising of Mr. Alexander James Badgeley of Toronto, an ensign in Her Majesty's service, being under age, who was about to join his regiment in the Crimea. He was initiated and passed to the Second Degree, and at the following meeting (July 10th) was raised to the Third Degree.

At the meeting held on the 11th September a letter was read from Bro. Thomas B. Harris, requesting the lodge to be represented at a meeting about to take place in Hamilton for the purpose of forming an Independent Grand Lodge for Canada. After some discussion it was resolved :

"That they acknowledge the receipt of Bro. Harris' communication relative to the establishing of an Independent Grand Lodge for Canada, but beg to inform him that St. Andrew's Lodge declines on constitutional grounds taking any part in the proceedings of the contemplated meeting."

From the above resolutions it will be seen that the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge desired to remain loyal to the Grand Lodge of England.

Again we have the loyalty to the Grand Lodge of England displayed by the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, for on November the 13th, 1855, the W.M. "directed the Secretary to read the printed proceedings from the Provincial



Grand Lodge of Canada West, held in Toronto, on the 23rd October, 1855," after which the W.M. stated "that it was his duty as Master of this lodge, and acknowledging the Provincial Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, to direct all brethren visiting this lodge and acknowledging the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada to retire." The brethren affected by this ruling at once withdrew.

At the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the 24th June, 1858, W. Bro. S. B. Harman, Mayor of Toronto in 1869-70, and afterwards City Treasurer for a number of years, was installed W.M.

On the 11th November, 1856, the W.M. presented a petition from several Master Masons of Toronto, asking St. Andrew's Lodge to recommend their application to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant to hold a lodge in Toronto under the name and style of St. John's Lodge. The request was unanimously acceded to.

In December a communication was received from the Provincial Grand Lodge stating that a special meeting of that body would be held at Cobourg, on the 30th inst., for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Town Hall, and requesting the attendance of the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge.

On the 12th May, 1857, the lodge was favored with a visit from a distinguished Mason, R.W.

Bro. Robt. Morris, G.S.D., of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Bro. Morris was the well-known Masonic poet and writer of America. He delivered an excellent address upon the principles of Masonry.

At the meeting held the 27th June, 1857, it was resolved :

“That the thanks of St. Andrew’s Lodge be recorded and be presented to the various steamboat and railroad proprietors for their kindness in giving free passages to poor and distressed Masons, Masons’ widows and children, and that a notice be published in the papers to that effect.”

W. Bro. F. W. Cumberland at this meeting was installed W.M. Bro. Cumberland was the architect of St. James’ Cathedral, the Provincial Normal School and other public buildings. He was at one time the General Manager of Northern Railway, was the first member for Algoma District in the Ontario House, and the first Colonel of the 10th Royal Grenadiers of Toronto.

On the 8th September a communication was received from the Provincial Grand Secretary requesting St. Andrew’s Lodge to be represented at an emergent meeting at Toronto on the 9th September. This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the question of inducing all the lodges then working under the Provincial Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England to come within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which had been recently

organized. The delegates were to be instructed how to act, and on motion it was resolved :

“That it be an instruction to the W.M. of the lodge that the warrant under which it is held be returned to the Provincial Grand Master in the event of action being taken in accordance with the circular read.”

It was then resolved :

“That the representatives of this lodge at the meeting of the P. G. Lodge be instructed to continue to use every exertion to obtain a union of the Masons of Canada.”

It was further resolved :

“That on the return of the warrant of this lodge to the P. G. Master, as authorized by the foregoing resolution, the W.M. and officers of the lodge do prepare and transmit a memorial to the Grand Lodge of England, praying that the said warrant may be retained with a view to its preservation as a memento of the happy connection of this lodge with the mother lodge of England for a term of 35 years.”

The difficulty regarding the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, apparently so far as the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge were concerned, was amicably settled, for at an emergent meeting held on the 25th September, 1857, the W.M. announced that St. Andrew's Lodge now worked under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Canada until such time as a warrant could be issued.

On the 13th April, 1858, in compliance with a request made by the members of St. Andrew's Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Canada, with R.W. Bro. T. G. Ridout on the throne, duly dedicated the new Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, according to ancient custom.

At the meeting held on the 24th June, 1858, W. Bro. W. G. Storm was installed W.M. He was an architect and an exceedingly clever draughtsman, who, with W. Bro. F. W. Cumberland, did the architectural work of the Toronto University. Bro. Storm was the architect of Victoria University, Toronto, and other large buildings. The brethren of Ionic and St. John's Lodges, who united with St. Andrew's Lodge in the celebration, sat down to a collation and spent a pleasant evening.

On the 9th November, the special committee that had charge of the fitting up of the new hall, Toronto Street, reported the following outstanding accounts :

" Jacques & Hay .....	\$1,149 70	
Less paid account .....	400 00	
Balances due—		
Jacques & Hay .....		\$ 749 70
Thompson, Keith & Co .....		197 10
A. Hamilton .....		100 00
John McGee .....		65 70

Making a total liability to be provided for. . \$1,112 55

"To meet this debt (which your committee think should be at once liquidated) they recommend the lodge to raise by loan the sum of \$800, taking stock in some one of the building societies, to provide a sinking fund to pay off the said loan when it shall become due. There would then be a balance of \$312.55 to be paid out of the ordinary resources of the lodge."

At an emergent meeting held at the 16th November, 1858, the lodge was visited by the M.W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The



Grand Master expressed his intention of visiting the lodges, in order to get an exemplification of the working of the lodges before the meeting of Grand Lodge in January.

On the 14th December, 1858, a communication was read respecting the Masonic Ball to be held in St. Lawrence Hall by the Masons of Toronto on the 19th January, 1859, under the patronage of the M.W., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. St. Andrew's Lodge was notified that Rehoboam Lodge had accepted the terms of rental of the rooms then held by St. Andrew's Lodge, "viz., forty pounds per annum, payable half-yearly, commencing 1st January, 1859."

In May, 1859, a communication was received from M.W. Bro. Robert Morris, P.G.M., of Kentucky, the Masonic writer and poet previously referred to in these pages, relating to the "Prudence Book of Freemasonry." It was resolved to purchase two copies, one for the library, the other to be placed at the disposal of the Central Benevolence Committee of Toronto.

On the 24th June, 1859, the Festival of St. John the Baptist, W. Bro. W. G. Storm (for the second time) was installed as W.M. The first step towards the erection of an asylum for aged brethren was taken at this meeting.

At the meeting held the 13th September, 1859, V.W. Bro. S. B. Harman referred to the reception of the memorial to the Grand Lodge on the subject of an asylum for the relief of aged

and decayed Masons, which he stated was hailed with enthusiasm, and that a committee was appointed by the Grand Lodge to take action, but finally nothing was done towards the establishment of the asylum.

At the October meeting a special committee was appointed to investigate the financial condition of the lodge, and on the 8th November it reported the total apparent assets as £333 15s. 11d. and the total liabilities as £484 8s., an excess of liabilities over assets of £150 12s. 1d. It was resolved to negotiate a loan of £200 with the sister lodges to meet the liabilities. The closing part of the report, after speaking of the hopeful signs of the lodge's future prosperity, goes on to say :

“That St. Andrew's Lodge will have added to its unceasing endeavor to establish the purest and most perfect work, the proud distinction of having from its own resources provided a Masonic Hall unequalled in the Province, and in every particular creditable to our time-honored institution.”

On the 13th December, 1859, it was resolved that St. Andrew's Lodge unite with the sister lodges of Toronto in holding a grand banquet on St. John's Day, and on the 27th December one hundred brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast.

In January, 1860, the Benevolence Committee reported an expenditure of \$237.56 during the past few months. This large expenditure for charity, we have been informed, was owing to the great number of American Masons who were

coming to Canada previous to the civil war between the Northern and Southern States.

On the 13th March, 1860, Bro. H. Rowsell stated :

“That he had been commissioned by M.W. Bro. Harington to offer to St. Andrew’s Lodge a portrait of himself which had been painted some years previously, when he held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Quebec and Three Rivers under the Grand Lodge of England, at the kind instance of his Lower Canadian brethren. On his removal with the Government officials to Toronto, some five years ago, he had brought the portrait with him, but as the arrangements of the Government now called him to return to the eastern section of the province he felt prompted, from an increasing recollection of the kindness with which he had ever been greeted by the members of the St. Andrew’s Lodge, to ask that this portrait might find its final abode in their lodge room. That the offer was made in no spirit of vanity, but with warm fraternal feelings toward the brethren of the lodge.”

After several brethren had expressed themselves in eulogistic terms of Bro. Harington’s kindness of heart, it was resolved :

“That the brethren of St. Andrew’s Lodge accept, with the highest pleasure, the portrait presented by M.W. Bro. Harington, and in placing a minute on their records of their acquisition of such a valuable memento of that illustrious brother, they cannot but embody the sentiment thereon, that as the symbols and allegories of Masonry tend to remind the brethren of that system of morality which they exemplify and illustrate, so this portrait will ever bring to their minds those high qualities as a man and a Mason which have already enshrined in the hearts of the brethren the honored name of Bro. Harington.”

At the May meeting, R.W. Bro. Harman, on behalf of R.W. Bro. Kivas Tully and himself, presented to St. Andrew’s Lodge, a map of the

Masonic districts in Upper Canada, with the lodges and chapters designated thereon, with a request that the same be permitted to hang in the ante-room.

On the 12th June, a communication was received from the Grand Lodge stating that "medals struck in commemoration of Freemasonry in Canada" were ready, and requesting that the lodge send in their order for the number they were entitled to, "together with the necessary amount, five dollars each."

The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on the 25th June, 1860. W. Bro. W. R. Harris, Auditor, and at one time Assistant Provincial Treasurer, was installed W. M. Reference was made to the fact that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was about to visit Toronto, and to the necessity of steps being taken to show the well-known loyalty of Masons. It was decided to call an emergent meeting to consider the subject. A beautiful arch was erected in King Street opposite Toronto Street upon the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the city in September.

On the 13th November, 1860, a committee was appointed to make preparations for a ball to be given during the winter, with a view to liquidating the debt of the lodge. The ball was subsequently held and proved a success. A communication was received from the Grand Secretary regarding the difficulty that had arisen relative to the laying of the foundation stone of



the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa on the 1st September. The Government, it was understood, had been favorable to the Craft taking part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Parliament Buildings, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales ; the brethren of Grand Lodge had been duly summoned, and had assembled, but their services were not made use of owing to Roman Catholic influence being brought to bear upon the government.

At the meeting held on the 24th June, 1861, W. Bro. W. F. McMaster, afterwards Assistant Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Toronto, and one of the founders of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, was installed W.M.

At an emergent meeting that was called on the 1st August, 1861, for the purpose of paying the last mark of respect to M.W. Bro. Thomas Gibbs Ridout, the lodge proceeded to the residence of the late brother, and thence accompanied the remains to the place of interment. It is said to have been one of the largest assemblages of Masons from every part of the Province ever witnessed in Toronto.

On the 12th November a letter was received from Bro. the Hon. Donald McDonald, a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, offering a free grant of ten acres of land as a site for the intended Masonic Asylum.

It was decided at this meeting :

“That a ball be given by St. Andrew's Lodge during the ensuing winter, with the special object of paying the debt incurred by this lodge in providing due Masonic accommodation for all ranks of the Craft.”

Owing to the death of another old and distinguished brother on the 14th January, 1862, it was resolved :

“That this lodge, having been informed of the death of Bro. Abram Nordheimer in a distant land whither he had gone on account of his health, and esteeming him as a brother, a kind friend and a good Mason, desires to express its sympathy with the mourning relatives, and for that purpose requests the W.M. to name a committee to draft and present a letter of condolence to his widow on her arrival in this country.”

The letter was engrossed and subsequently presented to the widow of the late Bro. Abram Nordheimer.

At the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the 24th June, 1862, the installation of the Master, W. Bro. John Paterson, hardware merchant, was deferred, owing to his absence in England, but he was subsequently installed at the September meeting. At the meeting held the 10th May, 1863, Bro. James Bain delivered an instructive lecture on King Solomon's Temple, using in illustration of his lecture a very handsome model which he afterwards presented to the lodge.

On the 24th June, 1863, W. Bro. John Paterson was again installed W.M. At the March meeting, 1864, R.W. Bro. A. De Grassi presented to the lodge the portrait of the late R.W. Bro. Thomas G. Ridout. In May, W. Bro. F. H. Medcalf, Mayor of Toronto in 1864-65-66-74-75, affiliated with the lodge.

On the 14th June, 1864, a communication was received from King Solomon's Lodge, stating

that they did not deem it advisable to become joint tenants in the Toronto Street hall, and asking St. Andrew's Lodge to meet in the Church Street hall, where King Solomon's Lodge was then meeting. St. Andrew's Lodge in courteous language declined the request.

The thanks of the lodge were tendered to Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1876-7, for his services as Secretary of the Union Committee, a committee consisting of members of the various city lodges appointed to arrange for all the lodges to meet in one hall, and for the elaborate and able report which he furnished to the lodges. R.W. Bro. Henry Rowsell was also accorded a vote of thanks for his long and faithful services to the lodge as Treasurer.

On the 24th June, 1864, the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist was duly celebrated. W. Bro. James Bain, for many years a well-known bookseller and stationer, in King Street East, Toronto, was installed W.M.

In September, St. Andrew's Lodge sold to Eglington Lodge, No. 156, the jewels which had belonged to the old Rehoboam Lodge, and which had come into possession of St. Andrew's Lodge for rent. The old Rehoboam Lodge, after an existence from 1856 to 1860, had become dormant, but was subsequently reorganized in 1870, and is now known as Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, G.R.C., Toronto. The W.M. was also authorized to sell by landlord's warrant the

property of the Knights Templars in the Encampment room, and to rent the room to R.W. Bro. W. R. Harris, for the purpose of forming a new Encampment, at a rental of \$100 per annum. Subsequently the Encampment known as "Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2," was revived, and is still in existence.

For the purpose of promoting a friendly feeling among the Masons of Toronto, St. Andrew's Lodge made arrangements for "a Masonic party," in which all the lodges united on the 6th January, 1865, and for which a dispensation had been granted. About one hundred and seventy brethren were present, and a pleasant time was spent at the refreshment table.

At the February meeting Bro. J. E. Ellis received a vote of thanks for a "globular pendant mirror, which adds so materially to the beauty of the chandelier and the appearance of the hall generally."

In May, M.W. Bro. William Simpson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, visited the lodge. In giving the brethren words of advice he stated that it was his intention to arrange to have a public procession for the purpose of attending divine service, at the opening of the Grand Lodge in July next.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist was held the 24th June, 1865, when W. Bro. James Bain was again installed W.M.



At the November meeting the following amendment to the By-laws was made :

"That the monthly dues of St. Andrew's Lodge for city members be 40 cents, and for members residing more than three miles from the lodge 25 cents. These sums to include Grand Lodge dues, and that the Festival fee of \$2 per annum be abolished."

On the 8th February, 1866, an emergent meeting was held for the purpose of paying the last mark of respect to a brother who had been a faithful friend of distressed brethren, Bro. Hiram Piper. At a subsequent meeting a resolution of condolence was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded to the family of the deceased brother.

At the meeting held on the 13th February, the Benevolence Committee reported an expenditure of \$390 for the past year.

The celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist took place on the 25th June, 1866, when W. Bro. Joseph Adams, M.D., was installed W.M.

The question of having all the lodges in Toronto meet in one hall, so as to lessen the expenses of each lodge, as well as to create a better feeling among the Toronto brethren, had been under consideration by the members of St. Andrew's Lodge for some time, and finally, after many communications had passed between the lodges, viz., King Solomon's, No. 22, Ionic, No. 25, St. John's, No. 75, and Wilson, No. 86, representatives from the lodges named were

appointed to meet with those of St. Andrew's Lodge, with the view of accomplishing the object desired.

At the October meeting a report recommending that the city lodges meet in one hall, was adopted, and it was decided to have the property of St. Andrew's Lodge appraised.

On the 11th December, a communication was received from the Grand Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of \$161 for the Masonic Asylum Fund.

At the meeting held on the 27th December, 1866, the death of Bro. John McAlpine Cameron was announced, when a resolution was adopted expressing the brethren's high esteem for their departed brother and condolence with his family. This resolution was engrossed and sent to the family, and was in due time acknowledged by his son, afterwards well-known in this country as Sir Matthew Crooks Cameron.

On the 8th April, 1867, a meeting of the representatives of the lodges desiring to meet in one hall took place and fifteen resolutions were adopted as the basis of the constitution of the proposed hall trust.

The object which the members of St. Andrew's Lodge had so long sought and worked for was finally accomplished, and the result can be seen to-day in the flourishing condition of the several lodges which meet in the one hall and form the Masonic Hall Trust. On the 14th May, it was resolved :

"That the lodge, desirous of expressing its gratification at the final consummation of the long-desired union of the Toronto lodges in one hall, do invite King Solomon's Lodge and Wilson Lodge to hold their next regular communication in the Toronto Street hall."

On the 24th June, 1867, the Festival of St. John the Baptist was duly celebrated, when W. Bro. Dr. Joseph Adams was again installed W.M.

At the November meeting a communication was received from W. Bro. W. H. Archer, Secretary of the Masonic Hall Trust, in reference to the library belonging to St. Andrew's Lodge, and intimating that if the lodge wished to acquire an interest in the "Joint Library" a valuation should be made of the books belonging to St. Andrew's Lodge by disinterested parties. It was resolved :

"That as a mark of congratulation and good feeling towards all the lodges, the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge feel much pleasure in presenting their library to the Masonic Board of Trustees to form the nucleus of a much greater and more valuable one."

On the 11th February, 1868, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, of Simcoe, visited the lodge and "read a lecture to a newly-initiated candidate."

For the purpose of celebrating the occasion of the city lodges meeting in the Toronto Street hall an entertainment had been held on the 31st January under the auspices of all the city lodges, and the committee appointed by St. Andrew's Lodge to act in conjunction with similar com-

mittees of the other lodges reported on the 10th March "that the moneys received amounted to \$436, that the sum disbursed was \$397.55, and that the balance, \$37.45, will be paid to the credit of the Benevolent Fund."

The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on the 24th June, 1868, when W. Bro. Dr. Joseph Adams was for the third time installed W.M.

At the April meeting, 1869, the Hall Trust notified St. Andrew's Lodge, that the lodges and chapters forming the Trust accepted the nominee of the Board as Tyler, and recommended that in lieu of payment \$100 for caretaker, that the several lodges and chapters pay the Tyler \$1.50 for each meeting, he to perform the duties of caretaker.

The 24th June, 1869, being the Festival of St. John the Baptist, W. Bro. George Hodgetts, Druggist, was installed W.M.

At the meeting held on the 12th October, 1869, the committee which had been appointed to examine into the financial condition of the lodge reported the liabilities to be \$771.32 and the assets \$945.85, showing the assets over the liabilities to be \$174.53. They also recommended that a more systematic method be adopted in keeping the finances of the lodge. A question came up at this meeting which had been the cause of considerable friction between some of the brethren for several years past and which had led to the withdrawal of several members from the lodge. It appears that one of the brethren



who had, with others, given his note to Messrs. Jacques & Hay in payment of the debt which the lodge had incurred in 1857 in fitting up the Toronto Street hall, considered that he had not been fairly treated by the lodge, and he wrote a letter to the Grand Master making certain charges. The letter was returned to the D.D.G.M. of Toronto District for investigation. A Committee was appointed by St. Andrew's Lodge to draft a letter in reply. The letter goes fully into the matter, showing how the lodge had entered into the undertaking of fitting up the Toronto Street hall, how it had struggled with financial difficulties, and how it had endeavored to meet all obligations. Reference was made to the fact that old Rehoboam Lodge, when it became dormant in 1860, owed St. Andrew's Lodge for rent \$160, and that there was due the lodge from the Knights Templars \$612, from St. Andrew's Chapter \$89, and from a late Secretary of the lodge \$90, making in all \$951. It also referred to a fire whereby a large quantity of Knights Templars property, which belonged to St. Andrew's Lodge, had been lost. The above explanation apparently satisfied all concerned in the matter, for little is recorded afterwards about it, and the lodge once more began to show rapid progress both financially and otherwise.

At the May meeting the debt owed by St. Andrew's Chapter to St. Andrew's Lodge of \$89 for rent was compromised on the payment of \$50. On the 14th June, the Auditors' report

showed a balance in the hand of the Treasurer of \$353.49, and in the hand of the Secretary of \$132, a total of \$485.49.

At the Festival of St. John the Baptist, 1870, W. Bro. George Hodgetts was again installed W.M.

On the 8th November, R.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr offered \$100 in full settlement of the claim of \$612 for rent against Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Encampment, which was accepted.

At the meeting on January 10th, 1871, a petition was received from several brethren residing in Yorkville, asking for a favorable recommendation from St. Andrew's Lodge to the Grand Lodge to support their petition for a charter for a new lodge to be known as "Ashlar" Lodge, to be located in Yorkville. The request was granted.

On the occasion of the reorganization of Rehoboam Lodge, the following resolution was adopted :

"That this lodge hails with gratification the restoration of Rehoboam Lodge to the original place and number amongst the lodges of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and greets it with the best wishes for its future prosperity and usefulness as a sister lodge of this city, and in testimony of its sincerity and good-will, resolves to cancel all claims this lodge may have against said Rehoboam Lodge."

On the 11th April, a letter was received from Rehoboam Lodge containing the following resolution :

"That this lodge reciprocates the fraternal greetings and good wishes of St. Andrew's Lodge and.....would express the earnest hope that Rehoboam Lodge may ever be on terms of the utmost good feeling with all the sister lodges of this city."

On the 11th April, a kind act on the part of American Masons is recorded. Bro. John McGinn, a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, had become very ill and had gone south for the benefit of his health. Feeling that his death was approaching, he resolved to return to Canada, and on his way from New Orleans he died on the train. Before he died he made himself known by signs to brethren, who took charge of his body, but on arriving at Chicago, the Craft there at once provided a handsome coffin and sent the remains to Toronto in charge of R.W. Bro. W. H. Frazer. The body was duly received and interred by the lodge. A vote of thanks was tendered to R.W. Bro. W. H. Frazer, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, for his "self-denying services," with a request that he convey to the Craft of Chicago the high estimation in which this lodge hold their truly Masonic conduct.

At the Festival of St. John the Baptist, held the 24th June, 1871, W. Bro. W. H. Howland, afterwards Mayor of Toronto in 1886-7, and a well-known Christian philanthropist, was installed W.M.

At the September meeting it was deemed advisable to honor a brother who had done much towards making Freemasonry a power for good in Canada, and it was resolved :

"That this lodge, entering heartily into the generally expressed desire of the Craft in this city to testify to the high esteem and respect in which R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, is held by them, and desirous of preserving a lasting memorial of one who has occupied so prominent a position in the Grand Lodge of Canada since its first formation, endearing himself to every brother with whom he has come in contact, to whose business, tact, prompt attention and sound Masonic knowledge the prosperity of the Craft in Canada is largely to be attributed, requests the W.M. to name one or two brethren to act as a committee in conjunction with similar representatives from the other lodges of the city with a view to procuring and placing in this hall a suitable portrait of our R.W. brother."

On the 13th November, some dissatisfaction apparently existed regarding the library, and some of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge desired to have one under the control of the lodge; but finally it was decided to hand over \$100 which had been collected among the members to the Treasurer of the Hall Trust for the benefit of the Masonic library of the city.

The celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist took place the 24th June, 1872, when V.W. Bro. John Paterson was again installed W.M.

At the November meeting, arrangements were made for the proper celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the lodge, and to mark the event it was deemed advisable to make a change in the time of installing the officers of the lodge, so that the installation should take place this year on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, instead of on the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

Accordingly on the 27th December, 1872, the change in the By-laws came into effect, and W.



Bro. N. G. Bigelow, Q.C., was installed W. M. The lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 2.25 p.m., to assemble at the Queen's Hotel at 8 p.m.

The "Jubilee Commemoration" was fittingly celebrated by about 300 brethren sitting down to a sumptuous repast at the Queen's Hotel, and a number of ladies graced the proceedings in the early part of the evening by their presence in the gallery. The appearance of the three tables with the brethren seated, clothed in full Masonic regalia, had a beautiful effect. The decorations consisted of the handsome banner of the lodge, with several smaller ones and other Masonic devices, and a large British ensign surrounded with evergreens. An excellent band was also in attendance to supply music.

In June, 1873, the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge decided to accept the invitation of the Hamilton brethren to assist in laying the cornerstone of the proposed Masonic Temple in that city on "Dominion Day."

At the meeting held the 27th December, 1873, V.W. Bro. N. G. Bigelow was again installed W.M. The brethren on the 30th of the same month attended a successful *Conversazione* given by the Masonic fraternity of this city.

On the 8th September, 1874, a letter of condolence was directed to be forwarded to the family of R.W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary, who had died on the 18th August. He had been initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge in 1848, and had always taken a warm interest in the welfare of the lodge.

At the meeting held in December, 1874, W. Bro. Andrew Smith Principal of the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, was installed W.M. In August, the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge took part in the laying of the corner-stone of Grace Church, Toronto.

At the meeting held the 27th December, 1875, W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, the present Secretary-Treasurer of Board of Trustees for Toronto Public Schools, was installed W.M. In November R. W. Bro. James Bain received a vote of thanks for the history of the lodge written by him. On the 12th December, 1876, W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson was again installed W.M.

In July, it was resolved that it was not deemed necessary for the Junior Warden to order spirituous or malt liquors for the purpose of ordinary refreshments. The sum of \$50 was voted to the brethren of St. John, New Brunswick, who had met with disaster owing to the terrible conflagration in that city.

An emergent meeting was held on the 7th September, 1877, at which all the city lodges were represented, for the purpose of presenting an address on behalf of the Craft of Toronto to M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. There were over one hundred brethren present. The address, which was handsomely illuminated, referred to the fact that "the Masons of this city look with pride and pleasure upon their Grand Master,

the first Canadian-born Mason who has filled that important position." The banquet which followed was presided over by W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, W.M.

In November, an emergent meeting was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of R.W. Bro. W. M. Jamieson, who had been a member of St. Andrew's Lodge for over half a century. As a proof of the esteem in which he was held, nearly every Past Master of the lodge was present at the funeral.

At the annual meeting in December, 1877, W. Bro. James S. Lovell, chief accountant in Messrs. Blake & Co's. law office, was installed W.M.

Mr. James W. Gage, the well-known Toronto publisher, was initiated at the September meeting, and also Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P., the able Parliamentary orator, at the October meeting. Bro. Davin was a frequent attendant at the lodge meetings until his removal to the Northwest.

At the meeting of December, 1878, W. Bro. George Tait, traveller for the Gutta Percha Company, was installed W.M.

On the 25th March, 1879, a Conversazione was held under the auspices of St. Andrew's and Rehoboam Lodges. It was a success so far as the style and character were concerned, but financially it was a failure.

At the December meeting, 1879, W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson was again placed in the Mas-

ter's chair. On the 28th July, a Masonic excursion was held under the auspices of St. Andrew's and Rehoboam Lodges, to Prospect Park, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

In September, a letter was received from St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh, Scotland, stating that R.W. Bro. George Tait had been elected an honorary member of that lodge.

In December, 1880, W. Bro. William Anderson, City Auditor, was installed W.M. In April, W. Bro. James L. Hughes delivered a lecture on "The Astronomy of the Solar System and its Relation to Masonry," and in May, R.W. Bro. George Tait gave an address on "What is Masonry?"

An emergent meeting was held on the 1st June, 1881, to tender a reception to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James A. Henderson, who had been initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge in 1843. About two hundred visitors were present, many of whom occupied high positions in the Craft. During the same week the Grand Master was also tendered a reception by the Masons of Toronto in the Pavilion of the Horticultural Gardens, when R.W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, D.D.G.M. of Toronto District, presented him with an address on their behalf. The lodge held a successful excursion to New York on the 26th July.

At the meeting held the 9th August, the By-laws were amended so that thereafter the lodge would meet on the second Tuesday of each month, which the lodge has continued to do since that time.





PAST MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, 1880  
(This reproduction shows the interior of the Toronto Street Masonic Hall)



On the 24th August, the lodge was called to mourn the loss of an old and distinguished member of the lodge, Bro. William Gooderham, Sr., at that time the oldest Mason in Canada, having been a Mason for seventy years. He affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge in 1844, and had filled the position of Senior Warden.

In December, 1881, W. Bro. M. E. Snider, dentist, was installed W.M. At the February meeting, a resolution of condolence was passed and ordered to be engrossed and sent to the widow of M.W. Bro. Thomas Douglas Harington, an honorary member of St. Andrew's Lodge and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

At the meeting held the 12th December, 1882, W. Bro. James L. Hughes, Inspector of the Toronto Public Schools, was installed W.M. On the 29th December, St. Andrew's and Zetland Lodges held conjointly a successful conversazione in the Pavilion of the Horticultural Gardens.

At the January meeting, 1883, Bro. Rev. E. R. Stimson, who for many years had been Chaplain of the lodge, gave an interesting account of his travels, and of the privileges enjoyed by him from his connection with Freemasonry.

In May, the brethren decided to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist by attending a Masonic service, with the other city lodges, at St. James' Cathedral. On the 12th June, M.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. William Seymour, Past Grand Master, visited the lodge.

The question of paying the expenses of the D.D.G.M. of the Toronto District had, for some time, been under discussion by the members of St. Andrew's Lodge and the other city lodges, and the committee appointed by St. Andrew's Lodge to consider and report upon the matter did so at the October meeting. In their report they recommended that no allowance for expenses be made to the D.D.G.M.

On the 11th December, 1883, W. Bro. John Kent, lumber dealer, an alderman of several years' standing, was installed W.M. The brethren of the lodge on the 22nd June, with the sister lodges of Toronto, attended divine service at the Jarvis Street Baptist Church.

At the December meeting, the recommendation of the Hall Trust was adopted whereby the books in the Masonic library were to be handed over to the Public Library. W. Bro. George Tait was installed W.M.

In December, 1883, W. Bro. Finlay Macdonald, City Traveller, was installed W. M. An emergent meeting was held on the 4th February, 1886, to attend the funeral of an old and faithful member of the lodge, R.W. Bro. F. W. Barron, Principal of Upper Canada College, who was interred in St. James' Cemetery. On the 9th March, a resolution of condolence was passed by the lodge and ordered to be engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased.

At the meeting held the 14th December, 1886, W. Bro. W. B. McMurrich, Q.C., Mayor of



Toronto in 1881-82, was installed W.M. A committee was appointed to confer with other city lodges as to the advisability of presenting a congratulatory address to Her Majesty, the Queen, through H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee. A petition was subsequently forwarded to the Grand Lodge, requesting that body to take action in the matter.

In December, 1887, W. Bro. R. W. Doan, Principal of Dufferin School, Toronto, was installed W. M. On the 11th September, the lodge was again called to mourn the loss of an old member of the lodge, W. Bro. M. E. Snider, and it was resolved :

That we place on record our sorrow, that after a long and painful illness, W. Bro. M. S. Snider, the Past Master of this lodge, died the 9th September, 1888. He was highly esteemed as a citizen, and during his long connection with the Craft was a most faithful and exemplary Mason."

At the December meeting, 1888, W. Bro. James Glanville, Accountant Messrs. John Macdonald & Co., dry goods merchants, was installed W.M. Owing to the "*Globe* building fire," which occurred on the 6th January, 1895, to which we shall refer at a later period, we are unable to give many interesting events in detail for a number of years.

In December, 1889, W. Bro. A. R. Macdonald, Provision Merchant, was installed W.M. In February Bro. John George Howard, the donor of High Park to Toronto, was buried in the Park with Masonic honors.

On the 8th April, M.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Grand Master, visited the lodge, and after witnessing the exemplification of the Third Degree, gave an interesting account of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

On the 30th May, 1889, the W.M. took part in the reception tendered, under the auspices of Ionic Lodge, to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was returning to England from his command in India. There were over seven hundred brethren at the reception, which took place at the Toronto Street hall. The R.W. Bro. was made an "honorary and life" member of Ionic Lodge.

In June, the brethren, with the other city lodges, attended divine service at All Saints' Church.

At the December meeting, 1890, W. Bro. Joseph T. Slater, Principal of Bolton Avenue School, was installed W.M.

At the opening of the New Year, M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, Grand Master, sent greetings to the W. Masters of the various lodges throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. W. Bro. J. T. Slater replied to the greeting sent him as follows :

"Personally, and on behalf of St. Andrew's Lodge, I thank you for your kind wishes, and I hope that both for yourself and for the Craft whose interest you have so deeply at heart, this may be a prosperous and happy New Year."

On the 11th June, the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, with the brethren of the other city

lodges, attended a memorial service in the Pavilion of the Horticultural Gardens, in memory of R.W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, late Premier of Canada. A successful re-union of the old members of the lodge was held in October.

In December, 1891, W. Bro. Thomas Bell, Manager of the Messrs. T. Thompson, Son & Co., Ltd., dry goods merchants, was installed W.M. In November, the seventieth anniversary of the lodge was celebrated, with V.W. Bro. N. G. Bigelow in the chair. Among the visitors was W.M. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master. During this year the lodge donated \$100 to the sufferers by the destructive fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, where so many brethren were made homeless.

At the meeting in December, 1892, W. Bro. W. P. Gundy, Managing Director of the W. J. Gage Publishing Co., was installed W.M.

The Centenary of Freemasonry in Upper Canada was celebrated on the 18th December, 1892, by a large congregation of Masons assembling in the Metropolitan Methodist Church, where Bro. Rev. W. F. Wilson, Chaplain of St. Andrew's Lodge, preached an eloquent sermon from the text Galatians vi. 2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Bro. Rev. Dr. A. H. Reynar assisted in the service, the musical service being under the direction of Bro. F. H. Torrington.

A banquet to commemorate the event was held at Webb's, on the 27th December, 1892,

at which over four hundred Masons were present.

On the 24th June, 1893, the brethren, with the Masons of Toronto, attended the unveiling of a monument erected in Mount Pleasant Cemetery to mark the spot set apart for the burial of needy Masons. The monument is 28 feet high, a column of polished granite surmounted by a globe, on which are raised in gold the square and compasses. On the pedestal is the inscription : "In memory of the dead of the Craft, by the Freemasons of Toronto, 24th June, 1893." The plinth records the fact that the plot of ground, which is circular in form, was in 1883 presented to the Masons of Toronto by M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson.

At the December meeting, 1893, W. Bro. John Pearson, engaged in the insurance business, a veteran of the Northwest Rebellion in 1885, was installed W.M.

In June, R.W. Bro. Sir Æmilus Irving, who had been a member of the lodge for fifty years, was presented with an address, which was in album form, beautifully bound in rich royal blue calf and elegantly chased in gold.

In October there was the re-union of the old members, with R.W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson in the chair. Bro. the Hon. Sir J. R. Gowan and M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson were present, and both gave short historical addresses regarding St. Andrew's Lodge. M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson presented to the lodge the original dispensation for the organization of St.



Andrew's Lodge, issued in 1822, by R.W. Bro. Simon McGillivray, Provincial Grand Master.

The fire which destroyed the *Globe* newspaper office at the corner of Yonge and Melinda Streets on the 6th January, 1895, was the cause of considerable loss to St. Andrew's Lodge, the loss being a minute book dating from February, 1888, until December, 1894, the Register and By-law book containing all the original signatures of the members of the lodge since its organization seventy-three years before, and many valuable documents which can never be replaced.

On the 11th December, 1894, W. Bro. Charles E. Edmonds, Secretary-Treasurer, and a Director of Messrs. Christie, Brown & Co., biscuit manufacturers, was installed W.M.

On the 23rd June, the brethren of the lodge, with the brethren of the other city lodges, attended divine service in the McCaul Street Methodist Church, when Bro. Dr. A. B. Chambers, District Chaplain, preached an eloquent sermon.

A re-union of the old members of the lodge was held on the 8th October, at which there were a large number of distinguished brethren present. The First Degree was conferred by the Past Masters of the lodge, with R.W. Bro. George Tait, in the chair.

In December, 1895, W. Bro. John W. Dowd, M.A., subsequently President of the Board of Education, Toledo, Ohio, was installed W.M.

An event of considerable interest took place on the 12th May, when an address of congratulation was presented to the oldest living member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Bro. the Hon. Senator James R. Gowan. The occasion brought together a most distinguished gathering of Masons, upwards of 350 brethren being present.

The address was in the form of an album, bound in rich royal blue calf, the covers being elegantly chased in gold. Upon the front cover the following words were inscribed : "An address to Brother the Hon. Senator James Robert Gowan, C.M.G., Q.C., LL.D., from St. Andrew's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 16, G.R.C., 12th May, A.L. 5896."

Bro. the Hon. Senator J. R. Gowan, after thanking the brethren for the kind words contained in the address, presented the lodge with a parchment document containing a list of the members of the lodge, who, in 1842, subscribed towards the presentation of a testimonial to R.W. Bro. Thomas Gibbs Ridout.

At this meeting \$50 was donated towards the erection of a Consumptive Sanitarium, which has been erected in Muskoka. Bro. W. J. Gage, a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, was one of the principal promoters of the Sanitarium for consumptives. The members of the lodge, with the brethren of the other city lodges, attended the Bond Street Congregational Church on the 10th May, where an eloquent discourse was delivered to the Craft by the District Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Dr. Sims.

During the past year several brethren who had belonged to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, a schismatic body which had become defunct after an existence of twenty years, were healed in St. Andrew's Lodge, so that they could affiliate with some of the Toronto lodges. To overcome the difficulty that had arisen in connection with the members of this schismatic body, who desired to become regular Masons, and who resided in Toronto, Harmony Lodge, No. 438, G.R.C., was organized.

At the December meeting, 1896, a re-union of the old members of the lodge took place. R.W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson occupied the chair, and, with the Past Masters of the Lodge, conferred the First Degree, after which W. Bro. J. E. Hansford, LL.B., barrister, was installed W.M.

In February, a report was submitted to the lodge in which it was urged that action be taken towards establishing a Masonic library for the use of the members of St. Andrew's Lodge. Endeavors were made to carry out the proposition, but it received scant support and eventually the attempt was abandoned.

Owing to this year being a memorable one, both to the lodge and the British Empire, it was resolved :

“That this lodge cancel the arrears of dues owing by any brother suspended for non-payment of dues or holding a certificate of dimit with arrears marked thereon, who shall apply for reinstatement during this the 75th year of the organization of the lodge and the Diamond Jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, provided

that the Committee of General Purposes recommends the same, and a ballot be taken and found favorable on each application, and on payment of one year's dues in advance."

At the February meeting, the question of celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, had been discussed and a committee appointed to act in conjunction with committees to be appointed by the other city lodges for that purpose. Suitable arrangements were made by the joint committee and on Sunday, the 20th June, 1897, the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, with the brethren of the other city lodges, to the number of about one thousand, proceeded in procession from the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, to the Pavilion of the Horticultural Gardens, and there in a befitting manner commemorated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

In June the committee, which had been appointed to prepare a suitable reply to a circular issued by the Asylum Committee of the Grand Lodge reported as follows :

"The members of St. Andrew's Lodge consider it a duty amounting to an obligation to assist in carrying into effect the wishes of those brethren, who, years ago sought to express in a practical manner the principles of Masonic beneficence, by subscribing a substantial sum of money for the purpose of establishing a Masonic Home for aged and infirm indigent Masons.

"Yet we cannot ignore the fact that we have now to face the question under changed conditions ; and that which twenty-five years ago seemed practicable has now assumed the appearance of a problem, the solution of which involves much of uncertainty and risk.

"There are many established and well-equipped institutions that we can use as channels through which our



Masonic beneficence may flow, and it is just a question whether we should become involved in a scheme of doubtful success, or work through established successful institutions whose operations are not limited to Masons, but which can do Masonic work.

"We at the same time agree with the committee appointed by Grand Lodge, that a Masonic Home should be established, provided its maintenance when established is assured."

The celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the formation of St. Andrew's Lodge, which took the form of a banquet, was held in the Toronto Street Masonic Hall, on the 29th October, 1897, and was a brilliant function. The brethren with their lady friends, numbering 250, sat down to an excellent menu, and the tables were beautifully set out and lavishly decorated with flowers. W. Bro. J. E. Hansford, W.M., presided. Many distinguished brethren were present.

At the meeting held on the 14th December, 1897, W. Bro. F. M. Bell-Smith, the well-known Canadian artist who had the honor of sketching Queen Victoria from life, and who has painted several historic pictures, was installed W.M. This was the last meeting held in the old hall on Toronto Street, where St. Andrew's Lodge had met for thirty years.

The first meeting in the new Masonic Hall, Temple Building, at the corner of Bay and Richmond Streets, was held on the 11th January, 1898, and at this meeting the thanks of the lodge were tendered to M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson for his magnificent donation to the Masonic

Hall Trust of the portraits of R.W. Bros. William Jarvis, Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada, 1792 to 1817 ; Robert Kerr, Hon. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, 1822 to 1824 ; Ziba M. Phillips, Hon. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, 1822 to 1847 ; Simon McGillivray, Prov. Grand Master, 1822 to 1840 ; James Fitzgibbon, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, 1822 to 1825 ; John Beikie, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, 1826 to 1845 ; M.W. Bros. Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Prov. Grand Master, 1845 to 1857, Grand Master Ancient Grand Lodge, 1857 to 1858, Hon. Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada, 1858 to 1862 ; Thomas Gibbs Ridout, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, 1845 to 1858, Hon. Grand Master, 1858 to 1861. The last five brethren were members of St. Andrew's Lodge.

In April, Bro. John Shaw, Mayor of Toronto, 1897-98, was initiated. On the 10th May, W. Bro. D. Burke Simpson, W.M., and the officers and members of Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, paid a fraternal visit to St. Andrew's Lodge, and were accorded a hearty welcome.

In July, at the annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Constitution was amended so as to divide the Toronto District, No. 11, into two Districts, viz., Toronto (West) District, No. 11, and Toronto (East) District, No. 11a. ; St. Andrew's Lodge being placed in the latter District.

In October, the lodge was called to mourn the loss, by death, of R.W. Bro. Francis Richardson,

one of the early members of the lodge. Bro. Richardson had affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge in 1843, and held the position of W.M. in 1845-6. He had been Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and subsequently Provincial Grand Secretary, and later Grand Secretary of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada. The R.W. Bro. was also the first Master of Ionic Lodge, Toronto.

By request of the city lodges a special meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge was held on the 2nd November, for the purpose of tendering a reception and presenting an address to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, by the Masons of Toronto. There were upwards of five hundred and fifty brethren present. W. Bro. F. M. Bell-Smith, W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, occupied the chair, the other chairs of the lodge being occupied by the Masters of the city lodges. The Grand Master was introduced to the assembled brethren by R.W. Bros. James Glanville and Curran Morrison, D.D.G.M.'s of the Toronto Districts. The address, which was beautifully illuminated and in album form, was read by R.W. Bro. James Glanville. W. Bro. E. B. Brown, W.M. of Ionic Lodge, presided at the banquet which followed the proceedings in the lodge room.

At the November meeting, the By-laws were amended so that in future all the officers of the lodge should be elected. It was resolved that :

"At the regular meeting in November, the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer,

Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacons, Inner Guard, Stewards, Organist and Director of Ceremonies, shall be elected by ballot ; two Auditors and the Tyler by open vote of the lodge."

On the 23rd November, the officers and members of St. Andrew's Lodge again visited Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville, and were accorded a royal welcome.

At the meeting held in December, 1898, W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, a chartered stenographic reporter of Ontario and editor of the *Masonic Sun*, was installed W.M.

On the 24th December, the lodge had again to mourn the loss by death of a venerable brother, Hugh Miller, J.P. He had affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge in 1843, and had been a Mason for over 63 years, having been initiated in Scotland when he was 18 years of age.

At the meeting held on the 10th January 1899, W. Bro. A. L. Malone, on behalf of Toronto District, No. 11, presented R.W. Bro. T. W. Chapple, P.D.D.G.M., with a suit of Grand Lodge regalia. R.W. Bro. Chapple was the last D.D.G.M. of Toronto District, No. 11, before it was divided into two Districts.

At the March meeting, the widow of a brother who had not been connected with St. Andrew's Lodge for 23 years was aided by a donation of \$50 on account of her distressed circumstances.

In May, W. Bro. D. Burke Simpson, W.M., officers and members of Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, visited St. Andrew's Lodge, and the officers of that lodge conferred the First Degree



in a highly creditable manner. A successful excursion to New York was held in August under the auspices of St. Andrew's and Harmony Lodges from which each lodge realized \$265.

A re-union of the old members of the lodge took place on the 10th October, at which 106 members of the lodge and 65 visitors were present. The Past Masters of the lodge, with W. Bro. J. L. Hughes in the chair, exemplified the First Degree, the candidate being a son of R.W. Bro. George Tait.

At the December meeting, 1899, \$125. was voted to Toronto charitable institutions. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. A. H. Reynar, Dean of Victoria University, was installed W.M.

On the 30th January, 1900, a successful "At Home" was held under the auspices of the lodge. At the February meeting \$100 was donated to the National Patriotic Fund, which was being raised by the people throughout Canada for the purpose of assisting the families of those who were engaged in the war which Great Britain was waging against the Boers in South Africa.

At the March meeting, by resolution, it was decided to accede to the request of the Hall Board of Trustees that the dedication of the Masonic Portion of the Temple Building should take place under the auspices of St. Andrew's Lodge.

The dedication of the Blue Room in the Temple Building took place on the 25th April. The premises at present occupied by St. Andrew's,

No. 16, King Solomon's, No. 22, Ionic, No. 25, Rehoboam, No. 65, St. John's, No. 75, Wilson, No. 86, Stevenson, No. 218, Doric, No. 316, Zetland, No. 326, and Harmony, No. 438, were formally taken possession of by them on the 29th December, 1897, but for some reason were not dedicated until the 25th April, 1900. M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, D.G.M., M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, assisted by other Grand Lodge officers, dedicated the rooms to Freemasonry, to virtue and to universal benevolence according to ancient custom. At this function there were one hundred and eleven visitors present, including nearly all the Masters of the city lodges.

On the 25th June, the members of the lodge, with about 750 brethren of Toronto, commemorated the Festival of St. John the Baptist by attending divine service at St. James' Cathedral, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. Professor Clark, M.A., D.C.L., of Trinity College, Toronto.

At the October meeting the annual re-union of the old members took place, at which, instead of the exemplification of one of the degrees, as had been the custom for many years, addresses were delivered by R.W. Bros. Æmilius Irving, Q.C., and James Bain, W. Bros. W. B. McMurrich and James L. Hughes.

On the 11th December, 1900, W. Bro. Frederick Dane, Tea Importer, and one of the Commis-

sioners of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, was installed W.M. At this meeting the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of congratulation to Mrs. McClure upon her attaining her 90th birthday. She was the widow of the late V.W. Bro. Robert McClure, who was W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge in 1842-43.

At the February meeting it was resolved :

"That the members of St. Andrew's Lodge, assembled at the first communication of the lodge since the demise of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, the Patroness of Freemasonry, at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 22nd of January, 1901, desire to put on record their heartfelt regret at the death of so beloved a Queen, who in her domestic relations for four score years, stood before the whole world as having been a devoted daughter, a noble and faithful wife, and a loving mother. That they believe her royal life did more to strengthen the Throne and confirm the dynasty of Britain, in the eyes of the world, than the immensity of armaments or the equipments of fleets, and that the memory of so good a woman, who close on sixty-four years ruled over the British Empire as Queen and Empress, and who, on all occasions, demonstrated her love for truth and justice, will be lasting among the generations and throughout the ages yet to come. That they also wish to express their fealty and devotion to their new King and brother in Masonry, the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England and Wales, Edward VII."

On the 11th June over 300 brethren were assembled to honor the Grand Master M.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford. At this meeting W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, who had been assisted in his labors of compilation by W. Bros. Rev. Dr. A. H. Reynar and J. T. Slater, presented to the Grand Master and the Master of the Lodge

beautifully bound volumes of the history of the Lodge. The history which was to be placed in the hands of the brethren contained 144 pages of letter press, which with the 13 inserts or illustrations, the names of the Past Masters and 1,016 brethren, made a book of 185 pages, bound in cloth. The artistic part of the work, in the production of the book, was in the hands of V.W. Bro. A. Maccoomb.

A Past Masters' Night was held on October 11th. W. Bro. W. B. McMurrich, K.C., occupied the Master's chair. The first degree was conferred, and there were many of the old members of the lodge present.

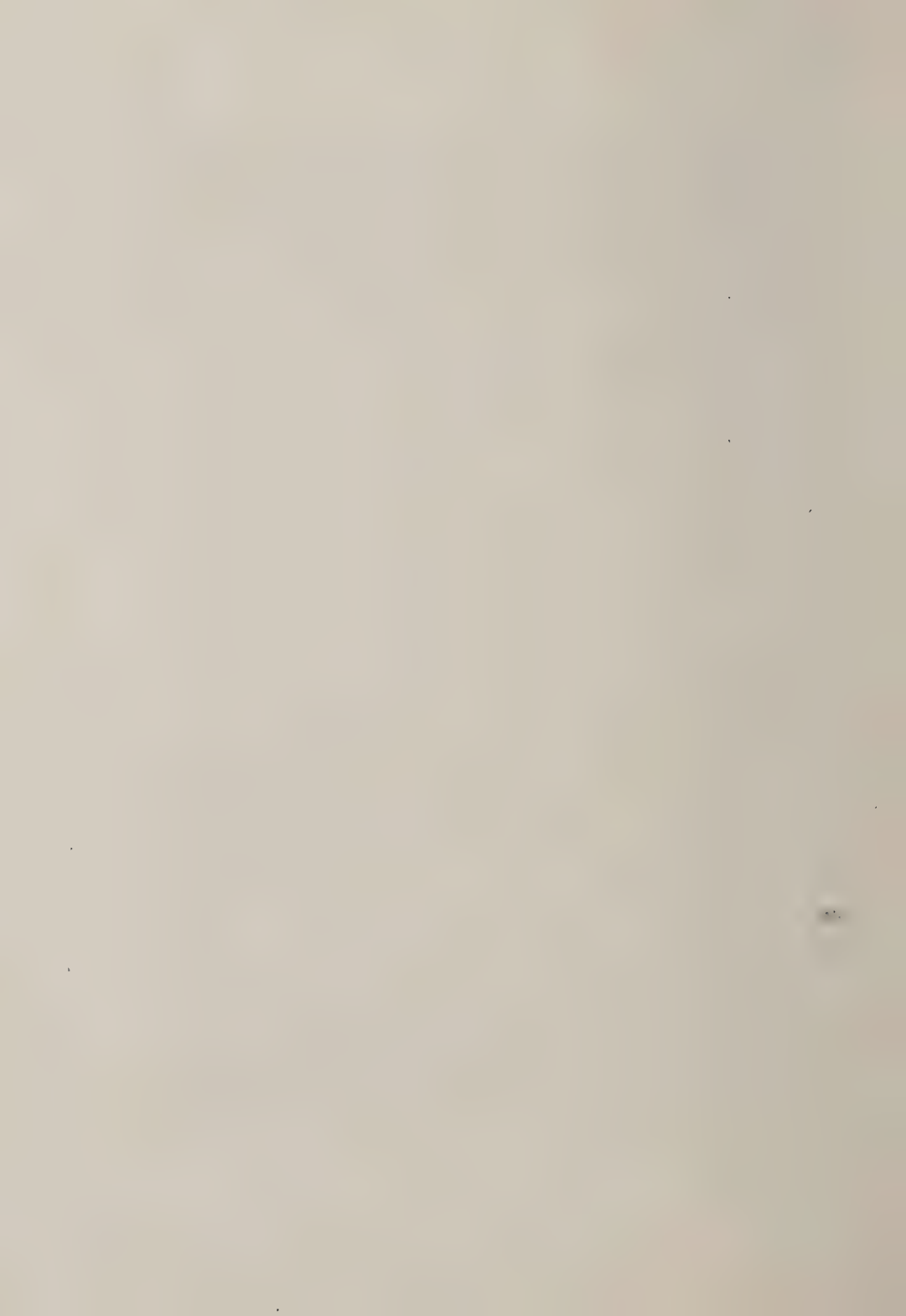
In December, 1901, W. Bro. W. F. Chapman, Inspector of the Toronto Public Schools, was installed W.M. On the 11th February, 1903, an "At Home" was held at which there were fully 350 ladies and brethren present. The corridors, as well as the Assembly Hall of the Temple Building, were profusely decorated with flags and varied colored electric light bulbs. The charmingly dressed ladies and the brethren clothed in their gold and silver embroidered regalia added a delightful effect to the general scene.

About sixty brethren of the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks, of Buffalo, N.Y., were entertained on the 11th March. The Third degree was conferred by the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge with musical accompaniment. The Buffalo brethren were mostly representative men, among them being some of the city's





PAST MASTERS OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, 1901



foremost citizens. At this meeting W. Bro. J. T. Slater, the Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge, was presented with a beautiful and costly cabinet of solid silver cutlery.

In June the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge visited the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks of Buffalo, and were loyally entertained. The first degree, according to the ritualistic work of New York State was exceedingly well exemplified by the Buffalo brethren with musical accompaniment. It was doubtless one of the most notable Masonic events that had occurred in Buffalo for years as it brought together many prominent Masons, not only from Toronto, but from different parts of New York State. At the banquet proceedings W. Bro. W. F. Chapman presented W. Bro. Morris Benson, W.M., of Ancient Landmarks, with a beautifully carved gavel mounted in silver to commemorate the visit.

St. Andrew's Lodge, with other city lodges, attended divine service on Sunday afternoon, June 22nd, 1902, in St. James' Cathedral for the purpose of celebrating the Festival of St. John the Baptist as well as the Coronation of His Majesty, King Edward VII. The sacred edifice was crowded, there being over 2,000 people present. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Welch, M.A., D.C.L., rector of the Cathedral.

On the 13th October, a re-union of the old members took place in the Temple Building. The lodge room was profusely decorated with

palms, ferns and bunting, intermingled with colored electric light bulbs. The third degree was conferred by the Past Masters of the lodge, R.W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson being in the chair.

At the December meeting, 1902, W. Bro. C. W. I. Woodland, Manager Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited, was installed W.M. At the meeting in March the large new Pipe Organ which had been placed in the lodge room was used for the first time in connection with the degree work.

On the 15th May, St. Andrew's Lodge visited Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, and the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge conferred the first degree. The annual re-union of the old members was held on the 13th October, and it was a unique gathering on account of so many of the old members being present.

In December, 1903, W. Bro. L. Herbert Luke, Justice of the Peace, was installed. An "At Home" was held in the 3rd February, 1904. Among those present was M.W. Bro. Richard Walkem, K.C. There were over 500 ladies and brethren present.

On the 12th April two veterans of the Lodge were honored, R.W. Bro. Æmilius Irving, K.C., who had been a member for sixty years, was presented with an illuminated address in album form and also with a magnificently wrought solid silver loving cup; and V.W. Bro. Captain W. F. McMaster, who had been a member for fifty years, with a costly gold headed cane. There was a large attendance of the old members of the lodge.



W. Bro. Rev. Dr. John Burwash, Professor in Victoria University, in December, 1904, was installed W.M. An "At Home" was held on February the 3rd. Each lady present was the recipient of a small beautiful silk apron, similar in design to the Craft apron.

A re-union of the old members was held on the 10th October. There were present fifty brethren who had been twenty-five years and more active members of the lodge. W. Bro. A. R. Macdonald occupied the chair, and the first degree was conferred by the Past Masters in the several officers' chairs. During the evening Bro. Thomas A. Lee exhibited a Grand Steward's medal of 1796, of handsome design, given by the Grand Lodge of England to Bro. Wm. Williams, a grandfather of Bro. Lee, on his mother's side.

In November, 1905, King Edward VII. honored Bro. Hon. James Robert Gowan, LL.D., K.C. by making him a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Bro. Gowan at this time had been a member of the lodge for upwards of sixty-five years.

On 12th December, 1905, W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, Manager Bank of Montreal, Queen and Portland Streets, was installed. The annual "At Home," held on the 2nd February was not only an enjoyable but a successful event.

A reception on the 13th February was tendered M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K.C., and he was presented with an address, in album form,

beautifully illuminated. The Grand Master in reply to the address said : "That the Lodge in the past had upheld the dignity of the Craft and it was doing the same to-day."

St. Andrew's Lodge on the 10th April entertained seventy-five brethren of the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks, of Buffalo. There were over 300 brethren present. The lodge room was beautifully decorated with Canadian and American flags, cut flowers, etc. The visiting brethren exemplified the second degree. The banquet was a brilliant affair. Each brother present was the recipient of a souvenir in the form of a maple leaf gilded pin which was suitably inscribed. At a subsequent meeting W. Bro. W. J. Gunnell, W.M., of the lodge of Ancient Landmarks presented to St. Andrew's Lodge a suitably engrossed resolution of thanks for the reception which had been accorded to the Buffalo brethren.

The Brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, with the brethren of the other city lodges, celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist by attending St. James' Cathedral on Sunday, the 24th June. An eloquent sermon was delivered by Bro. Rev. Dr. Clark. His text was : "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

On the 9th October the annual reunion of the Lodge took place. The lodge room was handsomely decorated, the Altar being canopied with maple leaves. The first degree was conferred by the Past Masters, with W. Bro. J. T. Slater





**"HISTORIC PICTURE" OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, 1906**

This reproduction shows nearly one hundred members, some of whom had been connected with the Lodge for upwards of fifty years.

Painted by W. Bro. F. M. Bell-Smith.



in the chair. In December W. Bro. Slater, who had been Secretary of the Lodge for many years, died and was buried with Masonic honors.

In December, 1906, W. Bro. George A. Kingston, Barrister and Assistant Manager Union Trust Co., Limited, was installed W.M. V.W. Bro. Captain W. McMaster, a member of the lodge for fifty-three years, died on the 7th January, 1907, and was buried privately.

A Ladies' Night was held on the 7th April. It took the form of an entertainment in the Lodge room, an excellent musical programme being presented, and subsequently refreshments were served in the banquet room.

St. Andrew's Lodge had held many notable gatherings since its institution some eight-five years previous, but the communication held under its auspices on the 11th June, 1906, was especially an interesting one, it being of an historic character. On the occasion an "Historic Picture," painted by W. Bro. F. B. Bell-Smith, containing the portraits of nearly one hundred members of the lodge, many of whom had been connected for upwards of fifty years, was presented to the lodge. In the foreground of the picture can be seen Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K.C., being introduced by W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman to Bro. Sir James R. Gowan, the oldest living member of the lodge (in 1907), while R.W. Bro. Sir Æmilius Irving, the second oldest living member is standing just in the rear. The other brethren in the foreground, both to the right and left of the brethren

mentioned, are Past Grand Lodge officers as well as Past Masters, who are members of the lodge. The background is composed of the general membership.

In November a re-union of the old members was held. M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, P.G.M., presided and the other chairs were occupied by Past Grand Lodge officers who were members of the lodge. R.W. Bro. Sir Æmilus Irving, K.C., who had been Knighted by King Edward VII., the previous year, in a brief address referred to his connection with the lodge for the past sixty-six years. M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson gave an interesting address for one hour on the History of Freemasonry in Canada.

W. Bro. Joseph Whyte Rogers, Inspector of Toronto Public Schools, in December, 1907, was installed W.M. On March 10th, 1908, an event took place, which is still remembered by the brethren who had the good fortune to be present. Never before in the history of Masonry in Toronto had such a scene been enacted, that of hundreds of brethren being unable to obtain admission to the lodge room. Long before the lodge was declared open there were brethren enough in the anteroom to more than fill the lodge room twice over. The occasion of this remarkable gathering was the fraternal visit of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London, Ont. W. Bro. J. H. Wilson, the W.M., and the officers of the visiting lodge exemplified the third degree according to the ritualistic work peculiar to the

lodge, it being somewhat similar to the American work.

On the 21st June, 1908, the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, with the brethren of the other City Lodges, celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist by attending divine service in the Holy Trinity Church. The sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. Derwyn T. Owen.

At the May meeting there was a reception and presentation to M.W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master. Every elective Grand Lodge officer for the year was present, some coming from as far east as Ottawa and others from as far west as Sarnia. The Grand Master was presented with a magnificent bronze figure of Diana two feet high, standing upon a ebony pedestal four feet high. At the feet of the figure was a dog, while one of the hands of the figure held aloft a frosted glass globe in the centre of which was an electric light bulb.

On the 9th November, a large number of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge left Toronto on a special Grand Trunk train of Pullman coaches to pay a return visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London, Ont. W. Bro. J. H. Wilson cordially welcomed the Toronto brethren. The second degree was conferred, according to the work peculiar to the Lodge, the candidate being the youngest brother of R.W. Bro. Henry T. Smith.

A "Canadian Night" was held on the 13th November. The lodge room was appropriately decorated with maple leaves, ferns, flags and

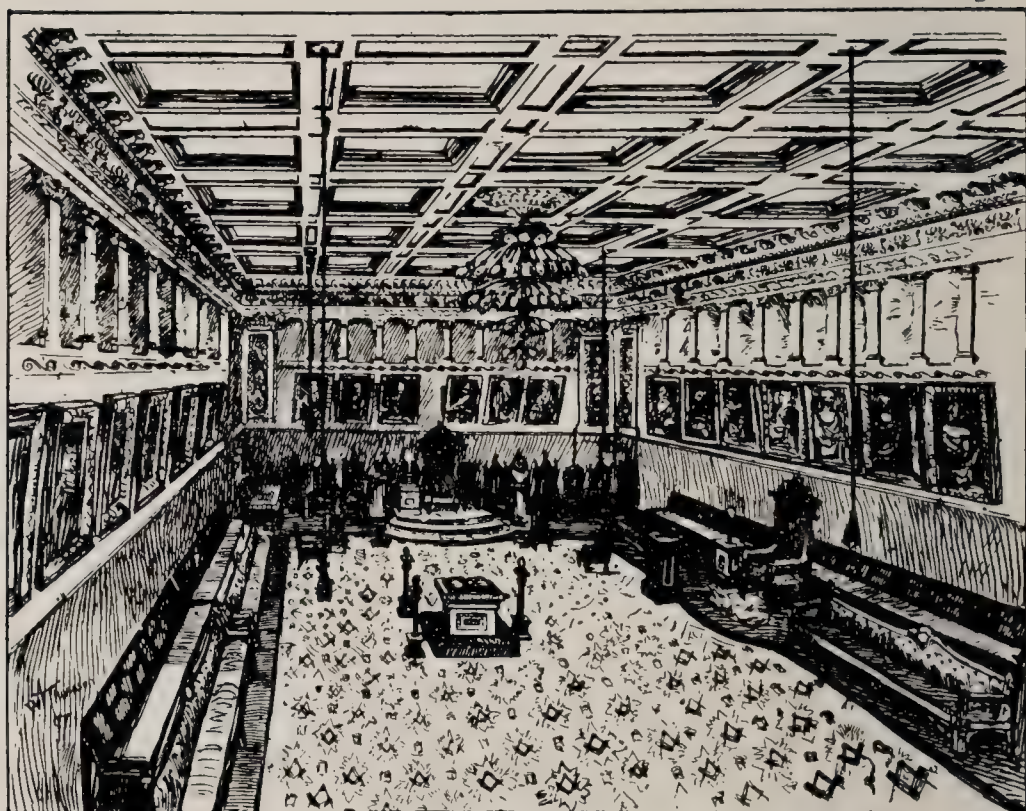
cut flowers. "Canada our Country" was ably proposed by W. Bro. Dr. L. E. Horning, and eloquently replied to by W. Bro. W. F. Chapman. During the year St. Andrew's Lodge remitted to Grand Lodge its full allotted subscription of \$935, to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

On the 8th December, 1908, a reception was tendered to the old members of the Lodge. There were upwards of fifty of them present. Bro. T. H. Lee, who had been a member for fifty years was presented with a handsome leather upholstered armchair. Among those present were : M.W. Bro. Sir J. M. Gibson, P.G.M., and Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario ; Hon. J. K. Kerr, P.G.M., E. T. Malone, K.C., P.G.M., and John Ross Robertson, P.G.M. W. Bro. Albert Maccoomb was installed W.M. During the month the Past Masters' Association of the Toronto Masonic Districts was organized. The "At Home" held on the 12th January, 1909, was a social and financial success.

In March Bro. Sir James Robert Gowan, who had been a member of the lodge for sixty-nine years died. At the time of his death he was the oldest living initiated Canadian Mason in Canada. W. Bro. A. Maccoomb, the W.M., had prepared a most commendable brochure setting forth the many virtues of the distinguished jurist, statesman, educationist and venerable Mason.







ROOM WHERE ST. ANDREW'S LODGE MET IN TEMPLE BUILDING,  
BAY AND RICHMOND STREETS, 1912

At the April meeting Bro. Dr. Vogt, who had, as leader of the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto, recently met with so much success with his choir in Chicago, U.S.A., was congratulated and presented with a large and beautiful bouquet of roses for Mrs. Vogt.

On the 14th September, a reception was tendered M.W. Bro. Judge D. F. MacWatt, Grand Master, and to commemorate the event he was presented with a beautiful electrolier, a bronze figure of a blacksmith making a horseshoe, which stood out in red on an anvil supported upon a pedestal of ebony, the whole being five feet in height. Among the visitors present were several distinguished brethren from Scotland, namely : R.W. Bros. Col. L. A. Hope, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Scotland; Prov. Grand Master Midlothian ; R.W. Bro. John A. Forrest, Grand Master's Depute, Midlothian, Scotland ; R.W. Bro. A. A. Balfour, Prov. Grand Secretary, Midlothian, Scotland ; W. Bro. C. C. Nisbet, 33 , P.M. and W. Bro. Allan M. Henderson, P.M., Scotland.

The 9th November being the King's birthday, it was honored. A large bust of His Majesty was in the east draped in a beautiful silk Union Jack. On the front page of the toast list, specially prepared for the occasion, was an excellent photogravure of His Majesty King Edward VII. On the inside appeared the names of the members of St. Andrew's Lodge who had been honored by His Majesty, namely :

“Bro. Sir James Robert Gowan, LL.D., K.C., Knighted 1905, initiated in St. Andrew’s Lodge, July 3rd, 1840, died March 18th, 1909.

“R.W. Bro. Sir Æmilius Irving, K.C., knighted 1906, initiated in St. Andrew’s Lodge, April 9th, 1844.

“Just and upright men and masons.”

In December, 1909, W. Bro. W. T. Giles, Manager, was installed W.M. At the June meeting, 1910, a resolution was recorded on the minutes respecting the death of King Edward VII., P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of England, and Protector of the Craft.

At the November meeting an Old Members’ Night was held. R.W. Bro. Sir Æmilius Irving, K.C., who had been a member for sixty-six years was in attendance. The veterans of the Lodge who numbered over sixty were formed into procession in the anteroom and escorted to the lodge room where they were accorded a cordial reception. Among the decorations in the lodge room were maple leaves of a mammoth size which had been sent for the purpose by Bro. Percy Martin from Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C. Some of the leaves measured across their face twelve to fourteen inches. There was no exemplification of degree work, the whole time in the Lodge room being devoted to reminiscences of the early days of the Lodge.

W. Bro. John H. Dunlop, Florist, was installed in December, 1910, W.M. The “At Home” held in February, 1911, was a brilliant affair, the floral decorations being especially beautiful.







W. BRO. F. G. ANDERSON, W.M.  
St. Andrew's Lodge, 1912.

On the 10th October a reception was tendered M.W. Bro. Aubrey White, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, K.C., Deputy Grand Master, as well as having an Old Members' Night. The Grand Master was presented with a very handsome bronze electrolier with pedestal to commemorate the occasion of his visit. Bro. Jos. T. Wyper, a member of the Lodge, 95 years old, and a Mason for sixty-one years sent his regrets through the Master at not being able to be present. R.W. Bro. Sir Æmilius Irving, the oldest living member of the lodge in a letter regretting inability to be with his brethren said :

"I have received your kind note for which I give you and the brothers who have joined in it cordial thanks, but I deeply regret to say that I am not equal to going out at night as so proposed.

"I cannot stand an effort as would result if I accepted the enjoyment foreshadowed. Be good enough to give our W. Bro. Dunlop my assurance of his fraternal feeling being sincerely appreciated by me."

M.W. Bro. His Honor J. M. Gibson, P.G.M., and Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, in addressing the old members dwelt on the virtues of Masonry that attracted men of worth and held them through life, as one of the greatest forces in the world for the uplifting of mankind.

At the December meeting, 1911, W. Bro. Frank G. Anderson, General Manager, Canadian Ohio Motor Car Co., Limited, was installed W.M. The annual "At Home" was held on the 2nd February, 1912. A reception was held and

a musical programme presented in the Lodge room, after which those wishing to dance repaired to the Assembly Hall of the Temple Building, while others rejoiced themselves agreeable to their fancy.

St. Andrew's Lodge at the beginning of 1912 adopted a schedule of life membership fees, framed similar to that of an Assurance Company. The fee for a person of 21 years of age was \$80, and gradually reduced itself until the fee for a person of 71 years of age was \$27. Any member in good standing in the lodge could, on payment of the amount set forth opposite his name, less a rebate of \$3, for each and every year he had been a member in good standing and had paid his dues in full and all arrears, be entitled to all the privileges of the lodge. The schedule further stipulated that all fees received for life membership less the amount of commutation fee to Grand Lodge of \$5, and the current annual due of the lodge; and 20 per cent. of the initiation fee, shall be deposited in a separate fund from the general funds of the lodge and called the Life Membership Fund. That 8 per cent. of the accrued principal and interest of the Life membership Fund be drawn out on the 31st December of each year and added to and used for the current expenses of the lodge. The initiation fee was increased to \$75.

On the 14th May an Educational Night was held, on which occasion the Past Masters of the lodge, who were or had been connected with the educational affairs of Toronto for many years,



conferred the first degree upon Bro. Charles H. Bishop, Supt. of Buildings, Board of Education. R.W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, occupied the chair. At the banquet tables each brother was presented with a unique menu in the form of a Public School primer; it was entitled "St. Andrew's Lodge Primer." It contained several pictures in characteristic attitudes of prominent members of the lodge, as well as rhymes taken from the School Primer and reconstructed to suit the occasion. The book was the handiwork of V.W. Bro. A. Maccoomb and Bro. J. R. Bulmer.

At the September meeting a proposition was submitted from the Past Masters' Association of the Toronto Districts respecting the organization in Toronto of a Central Bureau, where all applications for membership in city lodges could be recorded. As the Craft in Toronto was becoming numerically stronger every year, it was thought that it would be greatly to the advantage of Masonry, not only in Toronto, but throughout the entire jurisdiction, to have such a record kept. It was adopted by the lodge, and W. Bro. J. W. Rogers was appointed the representative to meet with a general committee of the city lodges to arrange the necessary details for the working of the bureau.

The ninetieth anniversary of the lodge was celebrated in the Temple Building, Bay and Richmond streets, in a befitting manner on the 8th of October, 1912. Many prominent

craftsmen were present. A reception was tendered to the old members of the lodge.

Numerous fraternal greetings were received, among them being from :

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., M.W., Grand Master of Freemasonry in England and Governor-General of Canada, who through his Military Secretary wrote :

“Government House, Ottawa, August 22nd, 1912.

“His Royal Highness the Grand Master desires to thank the St. Andrew's Lodge for their invitation to their Anniversary Celebration on the 8th of October, and sends his warmest fraternal greetings, but much regrets that owing to his absence on a tour in the West of Canada, he will not be able to avail himself of their invitation.”

M.W. Bro. the Hon. Sir John M. Gibson, P.G.M., Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, wrote personally :

“Government House, Toronto, 18th September, 1912

“I am afraid it will not be possible for me to be with St. Andrew's Lodge on 8th October next. I shall be in Washington attending a conference of officers of Supreme Councils (Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite) from all over the world—an International Conference. Had I been at home it would have given me much pleasure to have spent an evening with you on such an occasion as the 90th anniversary. Besides I always have found the atmosphere of St. Andrew's Lodge very wholesome and agreeable.”

The Premier of Canada, Bro. the Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, K.C., personally wrote :

“Will you kindly convey to the officers and members of the Lodge my kindest greetings and remembrances and all good wishes that the banquet may be very successful in every way.”

The President of the United States, Bro. Hon. William Taft, from the White House, Washington, D.C., through his Secretary, said that he heartily appreciated the kind invitation extended to him to attend the ninetieth anniversary of St. Andrew's Lodge, and he regretted it being impossible for him to attend.

Greetings were received also from the Grand Masters of the several jurisdictions in Canada, as well as from many of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Farthing, Bishop of Montreal, R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Williams, Bishop of Huron, several Ministers of the Provincial Government, and many others.

The banquet proceedings took place in the large Assembly Hall, and were of a most enjoyable character. W. Bro. F. G. Anderson presided, and each brother present was the recipient of a copy of this book (the History of St. Andrew's Lodge from 1822 to 1912), which had been written for the occasion.

It will be seen from what has been recorded in this brief history that the mother lodge of Toronto has fully maintained the object of its promoters in upholding the dignity of the Craft for a period of ninety years, so that Masonry, not only in Toronto, but throughout the Dominion of Canada to-day, commands the confidence and support of the best men in every community.

## Masters of St. Andrew's Lodge, 1822-1912

- 1822 —Sir William Campbell.
- 1823-4—Major George Hillier.
- 1825-8—John Beikie.
- 1829 —Walter Rose.
- 1830 —Bernard Turquand.
- 1832-9—Thomas Carfrae.
- 1840-1—Thomas Gibbs Ridout.
- 1842-3—Robert McClure.
- 1844 —Thomas Gibbs Ridout.
- 1845-6—Francis Richardson.
- 1847 —Stedman B. Campbell.
- 1848 —Thomas Gibbs Ridout.
- 1849-50—Hugh Scobie.
- 1851 —Thomas Gibbs Ridout.
- 1852-4—Frederick W. Barron.
- 1855 —William M. Jamieson.
- 1856 —Samuel B. Harman.
- 1857 —Frederick W. Cumberland.
- 1858-9—William George Storm.
- 1860 —William R. Harris.
- 1861 —William F. McMaster.
- 1862-3—John Paterson.
- 1864-5—James Bain.
- 1866-8—Joseph Adams, M.D.
- 1869-70—George Hodgetts.
- 1871 —William H. Howland.
- 1872 —John Paterson.
- 1873-4—N. Gordon Bigelow, Q.C.
- 1875 —Andrew Smith.
- 1876-7—William C. Wilkinson.
- 1878 —James S. Lovell.
- 1879 —George Tait.
- 1880 —William C. Wilkinson.
- 1881 —William Anderson.
- 1882 —M. E. Snider.
- 1883 —James L. Hughes, LL.D.
- 1884 —John Kent.
- 1885 —George Tait.
- 1886 —Finlay Macdonald.
- 1887 —William B. McMurrich, Q.C.



- 1888 —Robert W. Doan.  
1889 —James Glanville.  
1890 —A. R. Macdonald.  
1891 —Joseph T. Slater.  
1892 —Thomas Bell.  
1893 —William P. Gundy.  
1894 —John Pearson.  
1895 —Charles E. Edmonds.  
1896 —John W. Dowd.  
1897 —Jeffrey E. Hansford.  
1898 —F. M. Bell-Smith.  
1899 —Henry T. Smith.  
1900 —Rev. A. H. Reynar, LL.D.  
1901 —Frederick Danc.  
1902 —W. F. Chapman, M.A.  
1903 —C. W. I. Woodland.  
1904 —L. Herbert Luke.  
1905 —Rev. John Burwash, LL.D.  
1906 —A. E. Hagerman.  
1907 —G. A. Kingston.  
1908 —J. W. Rogers, M.A.  
1909 —A. Maccoomb.  
1910 —W. T. Giles.  
1911 —John H. Dunlop.  
1912 —Frank G. Anderson.

## Past Masters in connection with St. Andrew's Lodge, 1912

R.W. Bro.	Sir Æmilius Irving.
R.W.	“ W. C. Wilkinson.
R.W.	“ J. S. Lovell.
M.W.	“ J. Ross Robertson.
R.W.	“ George Tait.
W.	“ W. Anderson.
W.	“ J. L. Hughes, LL.D.
W.	“ R. W. Doan.
R.W.	“ James Glanville.
W.	“ A. R. Macdonald.
W.	“ L. J. Clark.
W.	“ Thomas Bell.
V.W.	“ W. P. Gundy.
R.W.	“ J. W. Watson.
W.	“ David Carlyle.
V.W.	“ John Pearson.
W.	“ C. E. Edmonds.
W.	“ J. W. Dowd.
W.	“ B. N. Davis.
W.	“ F. M. Bell-Smith.
R.W.	“ Henry T. Smith.
W.	“ Rev. A. H. Reynar, LL.D.
R.W.	“ W. H. Shaw.
R.W.	“ Wm. Rae.
W.	“ J. C. Arlidge.
W.	“ Frederick Dane.
W.	“ W. F. Chapman, M.A.
W.	“ L. E. Horning, LL.D.
W.	“ C. W. I. Woodland.
W.	“ L. Herbert Luke.
W.	“ D. J. Walker.
W.	“ Rev. J. Burwash, LL.D.
V.W.	“ A. F. Hagerman.
W.	“ G. A. Kingston.
W.	“ J. W. Rogers, M.A.
R.W.	“ W. F. Bilger.
V.W.	“ A. Maccomb.
W.	“ W. E. Orr.
W.	“ W. J. Farmery.
W.	“ W. T. Giles.
W.	“ J. H. Dunlop.

# APPENDIX

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## HISTORY OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE

1822-1912



## A Word to the Brethren

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It has been thought fitting to place as an appendix to this history of St. Andrew's Lodge the toast list and musical programme, so that a complete record of so important an event as the celebration of the Ninetieth Anniversary of the Lodge could be preserved in suitable form.

The brethren's attention is called to the formation, since the summer holidays, of a Glee Club from the membership of the Lodge, by Bro. E. R. Bowles, the organist. At the celebration of the Ninetieth Anniversary the Glee Club will make its first appearance by taking part in the musical programme.

The Glee Club came into existence for the purpose of effectively rendering the musical portion of the ritualistic work at the communications of the Lodge. It is felt that the members of St. Andrew's Lodge will appreciate good musical selections by frequently attending the communications of the Lodge.





# Ninetieth Anniversary

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE

1822 - 1912

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*TOAST LIST*

—and—

*PROGRAMME*

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GOD SAVE THE KING



# TOASTS

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We pray you speak high thoughts to apt words fit.  
But speakers please remember in brevity lies wit.

W. BRO. F G. ANDERSON, W.M.  
Toastmaster

## 1. The King and the Craft

“That king will best govern his realms who reigneth  
over his people as a father doth over his children.”

## 2. The Grand Master and The Grand Lodge of Canada

They inspire us to higher aims, broader charity and a  
more useful life.

Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell  
together in unity.

## 3. Reminiscences

A few five minute speeches.

“The evening of a well spent life brings its lamps  
with it.”

What pleasant memories of the past  
Our Ancient Masons bring,  
With songs of glorious “Auld Lang Syne”  
Their veterans’ voices sing.

#### 4. The Visiting Brethren

'Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark our coming  
and look brighter when we come.

#### 5. St. Andrew's Lodge

It may be said that youth is a blunder and that man-  
hood is a struggle, but it cannot be said that old age has  
been a disappointment to St. Andrew's Lodge.

#### 6. Junior Warden's Toast

Happy have we met.  
Sorry are we to part.  
Happy shall we meet again.

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**Bro. Chas. Bodley's Orchestra will render selec-  
tions during the proceedings in the banqueting hall.**



# PROGRAMME

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Music of all liberal arts has the greatest influence over the passions.

The highest graces of music flow from the feelings of the heart.

1. Po Lil Lamb - - - - *Parks*  
St. Andrew's Glee Club
2. Annie Laurie - - - - *Giebel*  
St. Andrew's Glee Club
3. Solo - - - - -  
Bro. J. L. Galbraith
4. Concertina Selection - - - - -  
Bro. James Richardson
5. The Billy Goat - - - - *Gerrish*  
St. Andrew's Glee Club
6. Reading The Highland Brigade - - -  
Bro. O. L. Gardner
7. Simple Simon - - - - *Herbert*  
St. Andrew's Glee Club
8. Soldiers' Chorus from Faust - *Gounod*  
St. Andrew's Glee Club

# Members of St. Andrew's Glee Club

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## 1ST TENORS

Bro. R. Hallas  
" H. McLean  
" J. D. Keachie  
" R. P. Weeks

## 2ND TENORS

Bro. J. L. Galbraith  
" S. H. Jeffrey  
" S. Holmes  
" E. A. Callighen  
" Dr. J. W. Armstrong

## 1ST BASSES

Bro. R. E. Patterson  
" W. H. Ball  
" O. L. Gardner  
" J. McK. Ferguson  
" P. Milne

## 2ND BASSES

Bro. E. H. Jolliffe  
" J. E. Chew  
" W. M. Hill  
" G. E. Rutledge  
" J. Parish

Bro. O. L. Gardner, Accompanist.

" E. R. Bowles, Conductor.

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## Committee Who Had Charge of the Arrangements for the Ninetieth Anniversary

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R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson  
R. W. Bro. J. S. Lovell  
V. W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman  
V. W. Bro. A. Maccomb  
W. Bro. C. E. Edmonds  
W. Bro. J. H. Dunlop  
Bro. J. R. Bulmer

W. Bro. F. G. Anderson,  
Chairman

R. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith  
Secretary



















